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CRISIS DEVELOPS AT HANKOW.

CHEN MAKES URGENT APPEAL.

A GROWING SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES.

NORTH DECIDES TO LAUNCH OFFENSIVE.

ANTI-“RED” MEASURES.

The feature of much interesting Chinese news to-day, is that an appeal has been made to the leading foreign business men at Hankow by Mr. Eugene Chen, stressing the necessity for the resumption of business. A notice has been issued by the Nationalist Government there stating that it cannot guarantee the integrity of foreign premises at Hankow which have been vacated by their owners.

There is a growing shortage of coal and rice at Hankow, and all stocks are being commandeered and rationed. There is a growing air of uneasiness owing to reports of a resumption of the Fengtien attack, and the exodus of Chinese is growing.

Taking advantage of the Kuomintang dissensions, the Northern commanders have decided to launch an offensive against Wuhan.

Regarding the Nanking Note, it is reported from Washington that the Cantonese reply is still being considered, and that there has so far been no proposal from other Powers regarding a second joint Note to Hankow.

In the course of a very outspoken declaration on Britain's policy in China, Mr. J. O. P. Bland has stated that the attitude of patience and conciliation in China had invariably led to war. He thinks the Hankow agreement should be abrogated, “or worse things will follow.”

Hankow, April 21. times, and occasionally fires are almost simultaneously with the breaking out in different parts of the town. In Nanking there is no Office of a notice to the various change to record.—*Naval Wireless*.

AMERICA AND NANKING.

Mr. Kellogg Considering.

“Washington, April 21. Mr. Kellogg is at present engaged in studying the Cantonese reply to the Powers' protests regarding Nanking.

BRITISH TRADE POSITION.

Lever Bros. Make A Profit.

London, April 21.

It was announced at the annual meeting of Messrs. Lever Brothers that, for the second year in succession, no dividend would be paid on the ordinary shares or co-partnership certificates.

Mr. D'Arcy Cooper, the chairman, said that China presented a difficult picture. Sales had dropped, but it reflected the highest credit on the management and staff at Shanghai that, except during the general strike, their factory was still producing, although the output had diminished.

Despite the adverse figures, they were trading in China at a profit.

The meeting unanimously passed the report and balance sheet.—*Reuter's American Service*.

CHEN AND CHIANG.

France Makes a Distinction.

Paris, April 22. As regards the preparation of a new Note, which will be handed to Mr. Eugene Chen, concerning Nanking, the *Matin* remarks that the Powers must naturally take into account the split among the Cantonese.

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ANTI-“RED” MEASURES.

Whampao Students’ Chance.

Canton, April 21.

General Li Chai-sum, who is acting principal of the Whampao Academy, has been ordered by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek not to use too drastic measures in dealing with the “Red” element among Whampao students.

The school is still surrounded by troops and gunboats, but the “Red” students have merely been warned to repent immediately, and sever relations with the “Reds,” and there are no signs that military operations will be taken against these cadets.

Russian Munitions Found.

The garrisons of General Li Chai-sum in Kowloon have reported to Canton the detention of a Russian steamer which carried a large quantity of munitions to Szeiyap for supplying the “Red” peasants.—*Naval Wireless*.

GEN. HSU TAKES OFFICE.

New Kwangtung Commissioner

Canton, April 21.

General Hsu Ching-lang, chief of staff to the 4th Army and Commander of the 18th division, has assumed his new office as Commissioner of Military Affairs of Kwangtung, an appointment which was given to General Hsu as a reward for his services in the recent anti-“Red” coup.

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HANKOW CHINESE EXODUS.

Financial Panic Imminent.

Shanghai, April 21.

To-day's wireless news from Hankow states that the Chinese inhabitants are growing more and more uneasy.

The middle classes have all left or are leaving; and a financial panic is probable soon as a result of the Government's embargo on silver. There has been some looting of food in the native city. The little trade that remained with Shanghai entirely stopped for the reason that there is now no medium of effective payment in currency acceptable by Shanghai.—*Reuter's American Service*.

WUHU STILL QUIET.

Desultory Shelling of Hsin Kwan.

Wuhu, April 21.

There is no sign of further disturbance at Wuhu. There has been nothing to report out of the ordinary for several days.—*Naval Wireless*.

Nanking, April 21. The desultory shelling of Hsin Kwan from the Pukow side con-

MEXICAN OUTRAGE HORRORS.

SURVIVORS TELL OF THE BUTCHERY.

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT.

Mexico City, April 21.

Despite the fiendish ruthlessness of the train bandits, about half the passengers escaped from the blazing train at Limon, but it is believed fully 100 perished.

Fifty bodies have hitherto been recovered.

The office of President Calles has issued a statement blaming “Catholic rebels” for the crime, and promising “an energetic pursuit of the priests who received their instructions from the Episcopate of Mexico City.”

Eight Government aeroplanes have been ordered to the scene of the calamity to help in the search for the bandits.

Deaths Total 130.

Later. It is now known that 130 passengers perished in the train hold-up reported yesterday.

President Calles has ordered the Minister of War personally to take charge of the operations against the bandits, and to take them dead or alive.

Most ghastly stories of the outrage are related by survivors. The raid was evidently well-planned. As the train approached Limon, a tremendous crash occurred, and the engine and two coaches were derailed at a spot where the track had been torn up. The bandits poured a wild fusilade.

Emergency Measure Probable.

The Fifteenth Bank, capitalised at Yen 100,000,000 with deposits amounting to Yen 368,000,000 has over eighty branches scattered all over the Empire, consequently it is feared that its suspension will have a serious effect.

It has already resulted in a downward tendency on the stock exchange.

The Moji Bank and the Kokura Bank in Kyushu Province have suspended for three weeks. Other suspensions are expected.

Tense Anxiety.

Huge crowds lined up outside the various banks in Tokyo early this morning. There is a tense feeling of anxiety and excitement prevalent everywhere, while the announcement in Osaka of the suspension of the Fifteenth Bank caused a run on every other bank, as the confidence of the depositors was shaken.

The situation is generally regarded as extremely serious and apprehension is felt that an emergency measure similar to that after the earthquake of 1923 may become necessary. The Bank of Japan has already made considerable advances without security. The total advances at present amount to Yen 1,000,000,000.

A Bankers' Conference.

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After scenes of terrible butchery, the brigands locked the passengers in the coaches, which were soaked with petrol and set on fire, those attempting to escape from the blazing death-trap being either shot or their skulls being battered in with rifle-butts.

The sight was most horrible, with blood and brains spattered on the sides of the carriages, and women, soaked with petrol, writhing in torment amid the all-pervading odour of burning human flesh.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SCOTLAND MARU TO DOCK TO-MORROW.

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TO-DAY.

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CRISIS IN JAPAN.

BANKS & EXCHANGES CLOSING.

A FINANCIAL PANIC.

Osaka, April 22.

The banks, stock exchanges, cotton exchanges, etc., throughout Japan are closing to-day or to-morrow.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Twenty-Day Moratorium?

Tokyo, April 22.

The *Asahi* reports that the question of 20-day moratorium will be discussed with the Privy Council, while a special session of the Diet will be called shortly.

Though the *Asahi* professes to have obtained its information from a reliable source, it is impossible to confirm the report.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Moratorium Decided On.

Shanghai, April 21.

A semi-official message from Tokyo says that the Government has decided to enforce a 20 day moratorium.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Earlier Messages.

Tokyo, April 21.

Two more banks have been forced to close, the Fifteenth Bank, one of the most influential in the country, and the Taisho Bank. Both are suspending business for three weeks.

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Despite the general slackening of business the silk market does not seem to have suffered much.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Situation Panicky.

Osaka, April 21.

The run on the banks is unabated. In Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto and other cities queues of anxious housewives are to be seen transferring deposits from banks to the postoffices where savings accounts show a huge increase.

All business is practically at a standstill. A few more provincial banks are reported to have failed. The situation is panicky.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SECRET SOCIETY FIGHT.

SINGAPORE CHINESE KILLED.

About 8.30 p.m. on April 13 a fight occurred between secret societies of Singapore. Shots were fired and two Chinese were killed and three wounded. The wounded were taken to the General Hospital.

No arrests were made, but the police are inquiring into the affair. It is believed that some of the persons hurt have no connexion with secret societies.

BRASS BAND FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.

ENROLMENT OF PORTUGUESE MUSICIANS.

INSTRUMENTS FROM HOME.

A scheme long regarded as overdue has been put into practice by the announcement that the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps is to have its own Military Band in the near future.

The nucleus of the band has already been formed by the enrolment in the Corps of seven Portuguese instrumentalists, and we were informed this morning that there is a likelihood that further Portuguese will join up shortly.

The unit is to consist of a brass band, and will be almost entirely composed of Portuguese, who have shown an increasing interest in the activities of the H.V.D.C. recently.

The instruments necessary for the band have already been ordered from Home, and in the meantime other instruments for practice will be placed at the musicians' disposal.

All the members enrolled are accomplished musicians and it is not anticipated that a very long time will elapse between the arrival of the Corps' instruments and the first public appearance of the new unit.

END OF A FACE.

EXPERIMENT IN TELEVISION.

London, April 21.

“Like nothing ever heard” is the description given to the “sound” of a face transmitted from London to New York by Mr. J. L. Baird, who invented the television.

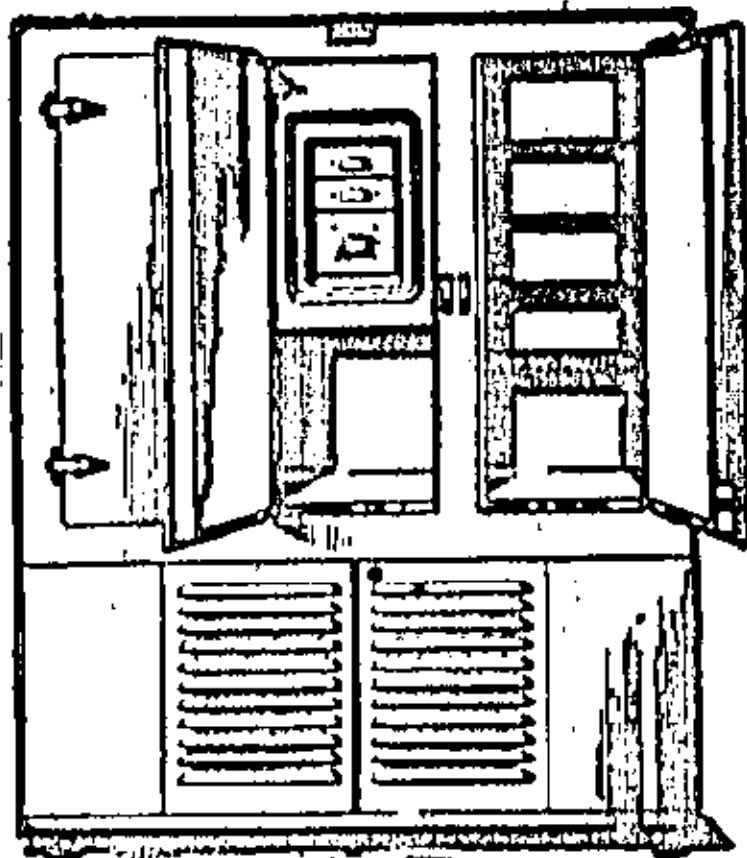
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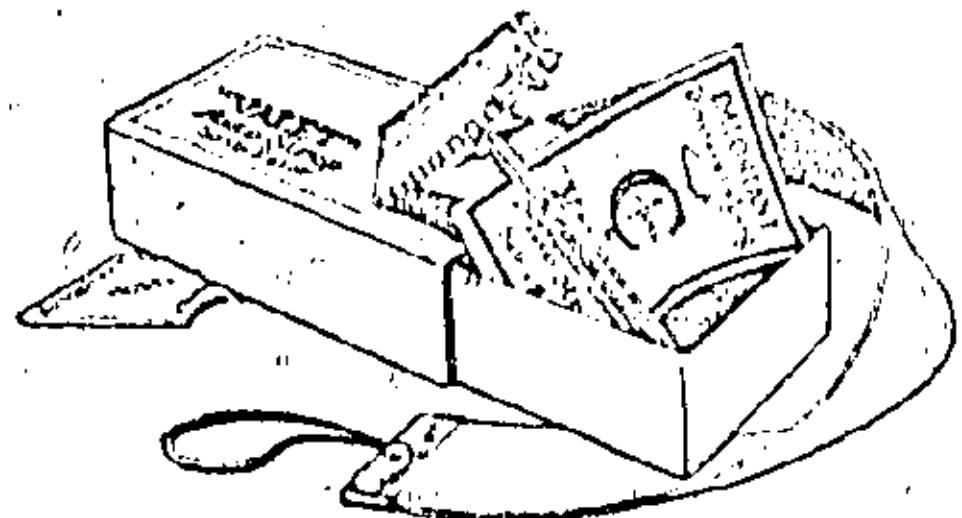
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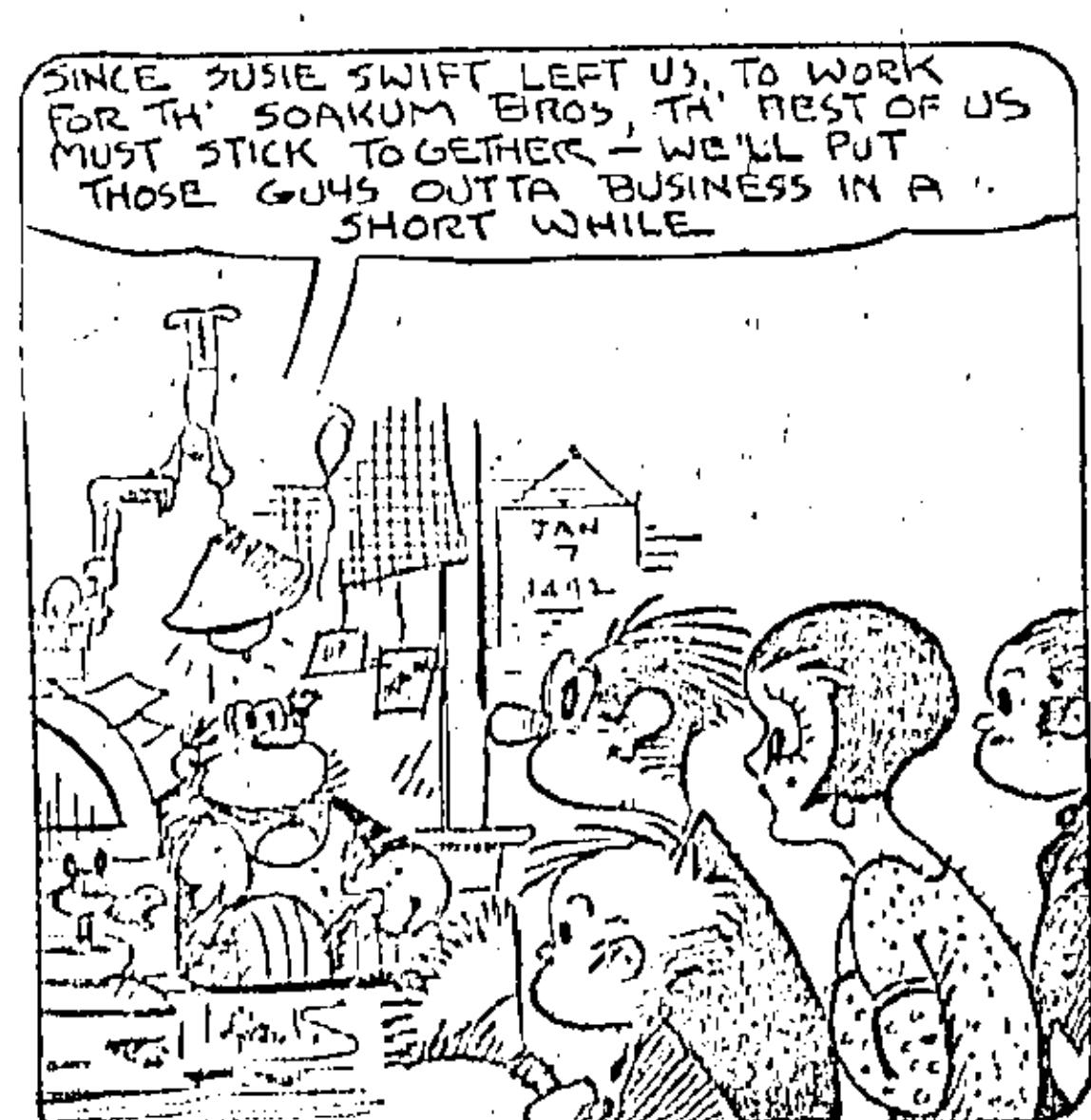
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FINANCES.

BALANCE OF \$6,876 TO RESERVE ACCOUNT.

Reduction of membership through death and other causes has affected receipts under the heading of Members' subscriptions, which are less by \$1,500 than in 1925, says the Chamber of Commerce report. Chamber's fees in respect of surveys, however, show an increase of \$2,348, as compared with last year.

On the year's working, after provision for doubtful debtors' accounts, a balance of \$6,876.25 has been carried to general reserve account. A deficiency on the working of the Chinese Language School—the accumulation of several years—amounting to \$5,405.29, has been written off and the general reserve account now stands at \$48,901.64 as compared with \$47,430.68, at the end of 1925.

Cash and investments have increased to \$44,179.66, as against \$37,025.23 in 1925.

During the year the Chinese Language School, by the use of the Chamber's Boardroom for class teaching and other economies, has been conducted less expensively than hitherto and, if it is even moderately well supported, may be expected to pay its way in future.

TRADE STATISTICS.

SUGGESTED RE-OPENING OF DEPARTMENT.

As recorded in the last Annual Report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the Colonial Government on the ground of economy, closed the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department as from September 30, 1925. At the last annual meeting of the Chamber members adopted a resolution urging the reopening of the Department, and the Committee gave further consideration to the question during the year. The Colonial Government, on March 27, 1926, asked the Chamber if it thought that the system should be re-established, to give reasons in detail to justify the expenditure and to make recommendations as to any suggested improvements in the method of classifying the returns.

Prolonged consideration to this request was given by sub-committee of the Chamber, but the suggestions put forward tended to increased sub-division of the commodity-headings and consequently to no reduction of cost. The General Committee therefore decided, as no provision had been made by the Government in the estimates for 1927 for re-opening the department, to leave the question in abeyance for the present.

HOME PARCEL MAILS.

A WEEKLY SERVICE URGED.

On January 27, 1927, says the annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, just issued, the Chamber placed before the Colonial Government a suggestion that the Postal Authorities of the United Kingdom be asked to increase the opportunities for the despatch of parcels mails from the United Kingdom to this Colony. At present there is only a fortnightly parcels service, and it was urged that a parcels mail should be carried in conjunction with each weekly letter and paper mail via Suez. It was pointed out that under present arrangements shipments samples of piece goods, for instance, frequently arrive late and, as dealers will not take up goods until the arrival of the samples, the consequent delay in payment costs importers in the course of the year an appreciable loss in interest, simply due to the late arrival of parcels. The Chamber therefore requested the Government to make representations to the authorities at Home on this subject.

SOVIET CONGRESS.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

Moscow, April 21.

The All-Russian Congress of Soviets in closing its session passed a unanimous resolution urging the consolidation of friendly relations with foreign states. The resolution pointed out that the peaceful activities of the Soviet met with great difficulties in view of the growing hostility of the governments of certain Powers toward the Soviet. It trusted that the Government would be ready to resist any new attempt to provoke Russia to war.

It sympathised with the Chinese national liberative movement and approved the Government's policy in China which was based on the recognition of China's full sovereignty and the full renunciation by the Soviet of the special privileges enjoyed by foreigners in China.—Tass.

IN NICARAGUA.

AMERICAN MARINES REPLY TO FIRE.

Managua, April 21.

American marines who were fired on three times last night, today returned fire without suffering casualties.—Reuters' American Service.

RECORDS!

1465 { *Eusio Was a Real Wild Child.*
Unfinished Symphony.

4472 { *No Foolin'.*
Goodnight.

4480 { *Always.*
Wandering on.

4485 { *Bye Bye Blackbird.*
When the Red Red Robin.

4503 { *Hello Aloha!*
Somebody's Darling.

4516 { *Who.*
Sunny.

4547 { *Babying You.*
Ev'ry Little Maid.

4553 { *Me Too!*
The More We are Together.

4544 { *In Little Garden.*
Immortelle Waltz. Sax. Solo

4521 { *Chinese Moon.*
My Carmenita.



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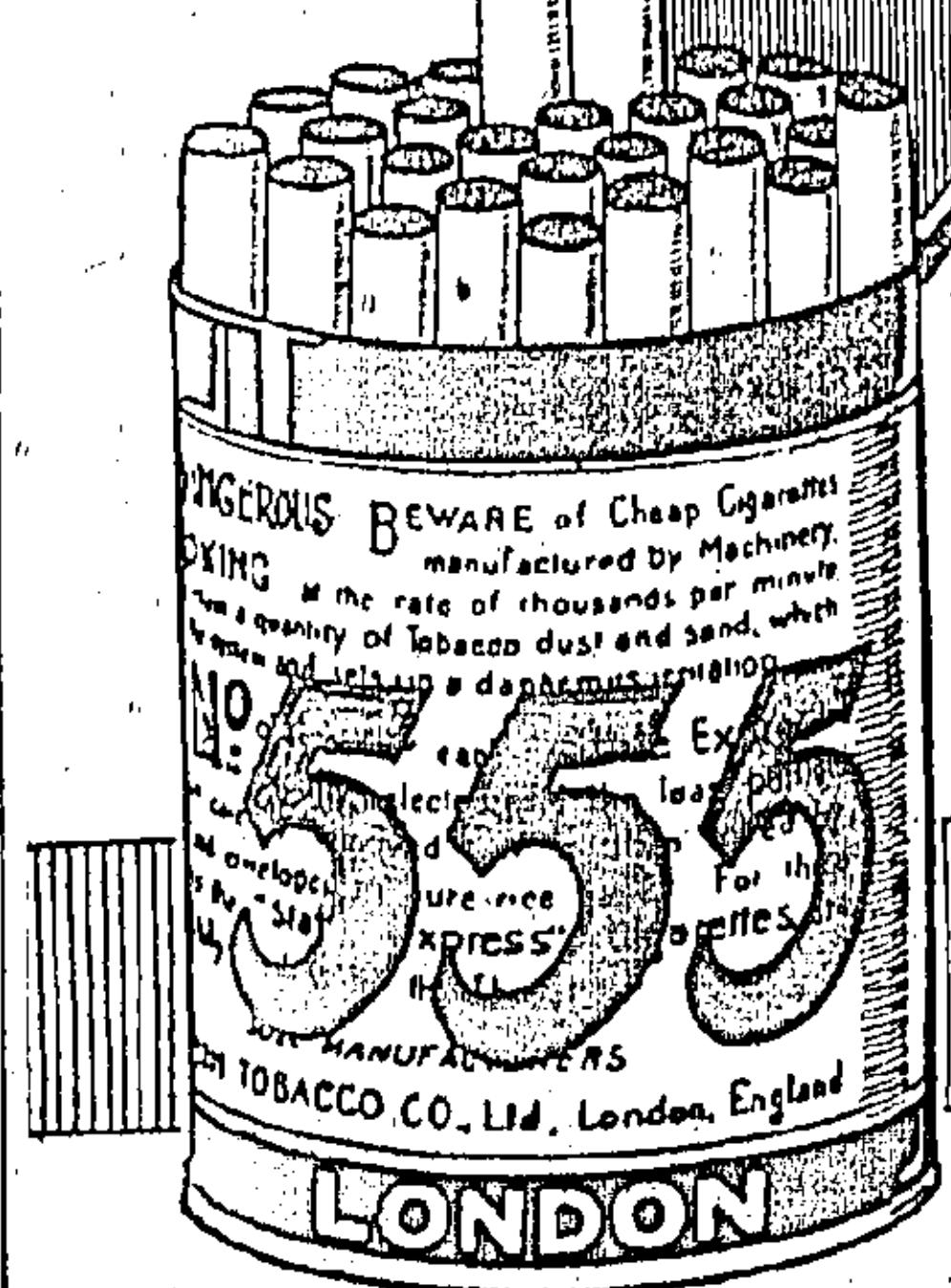
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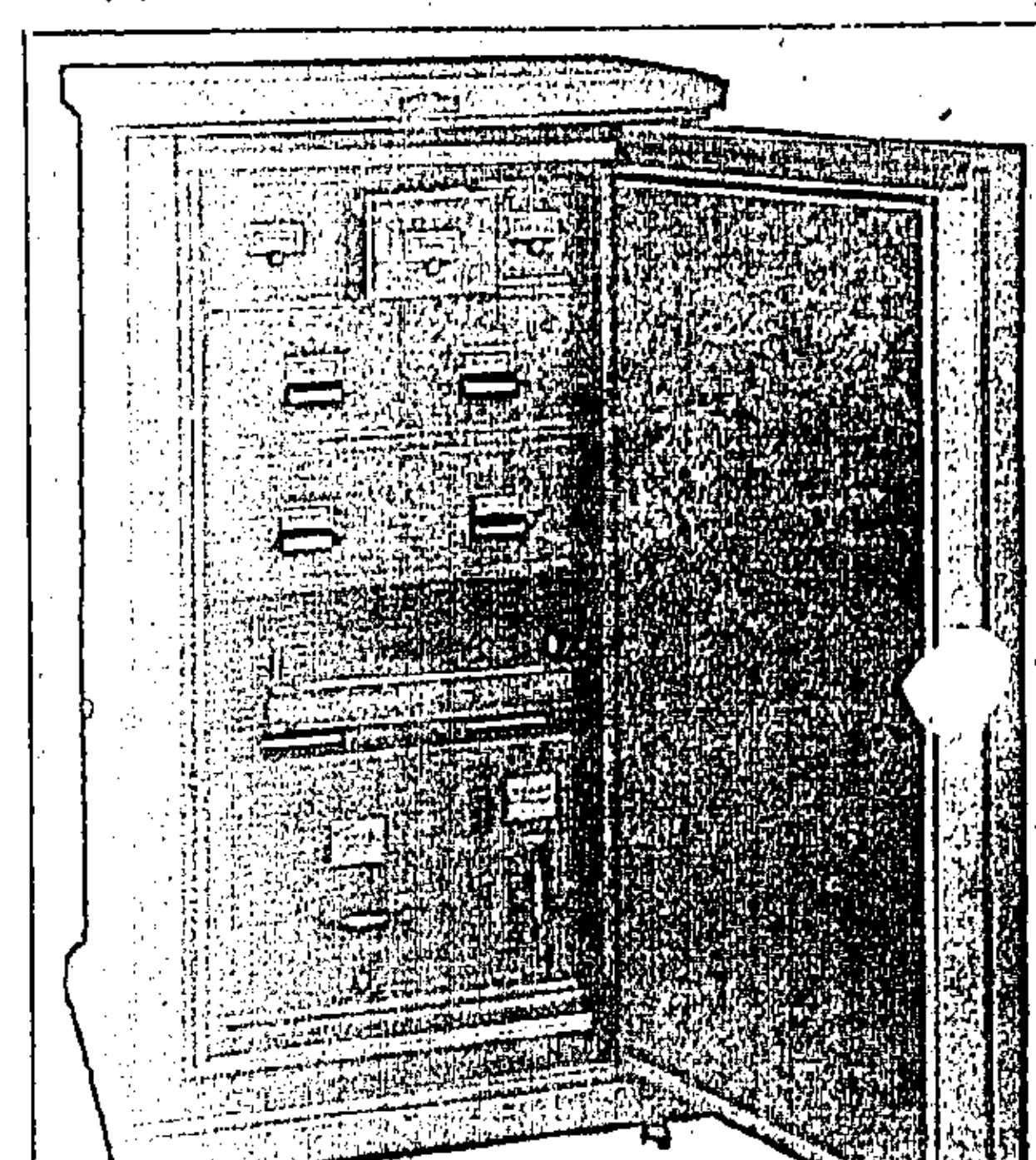
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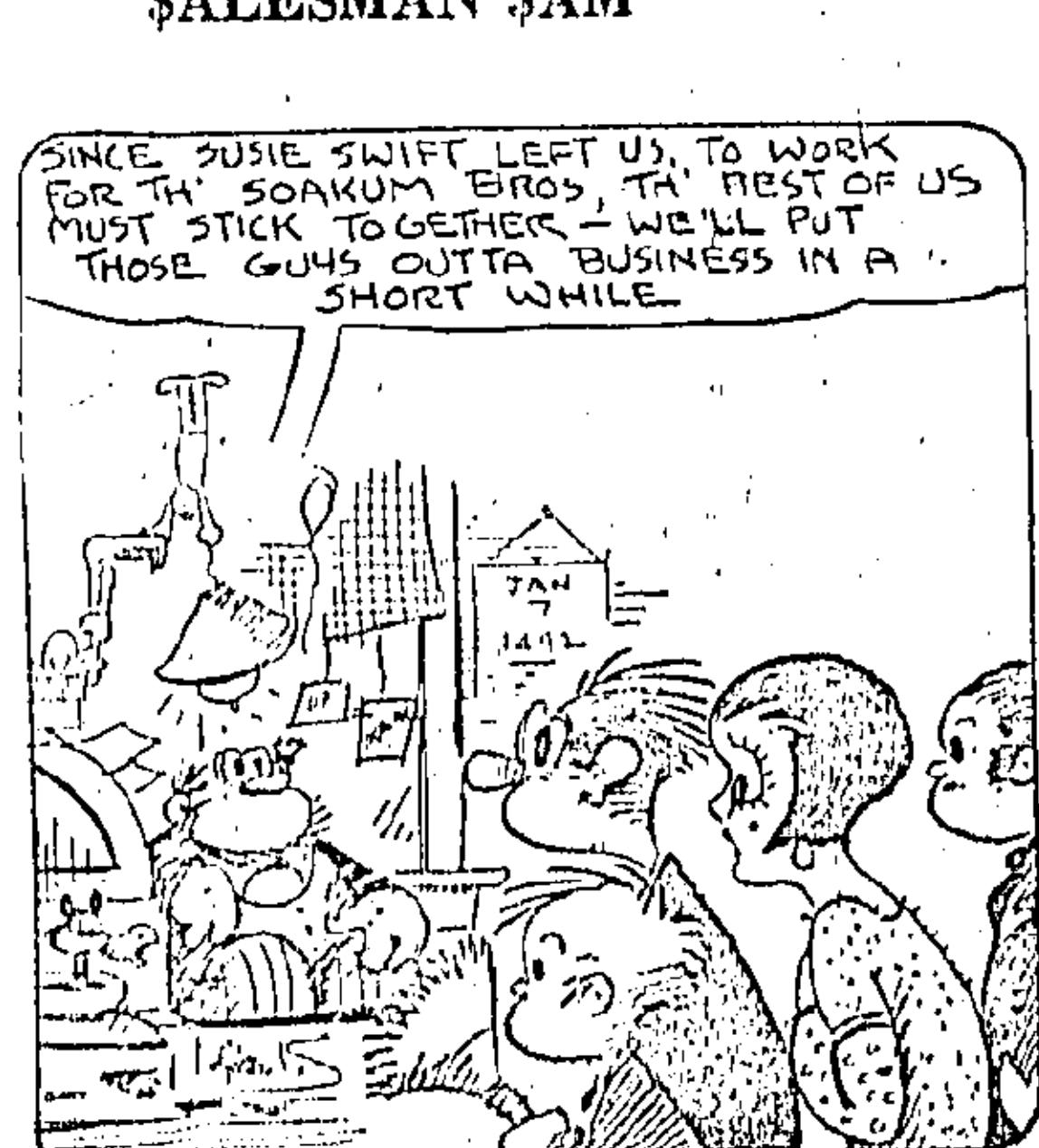
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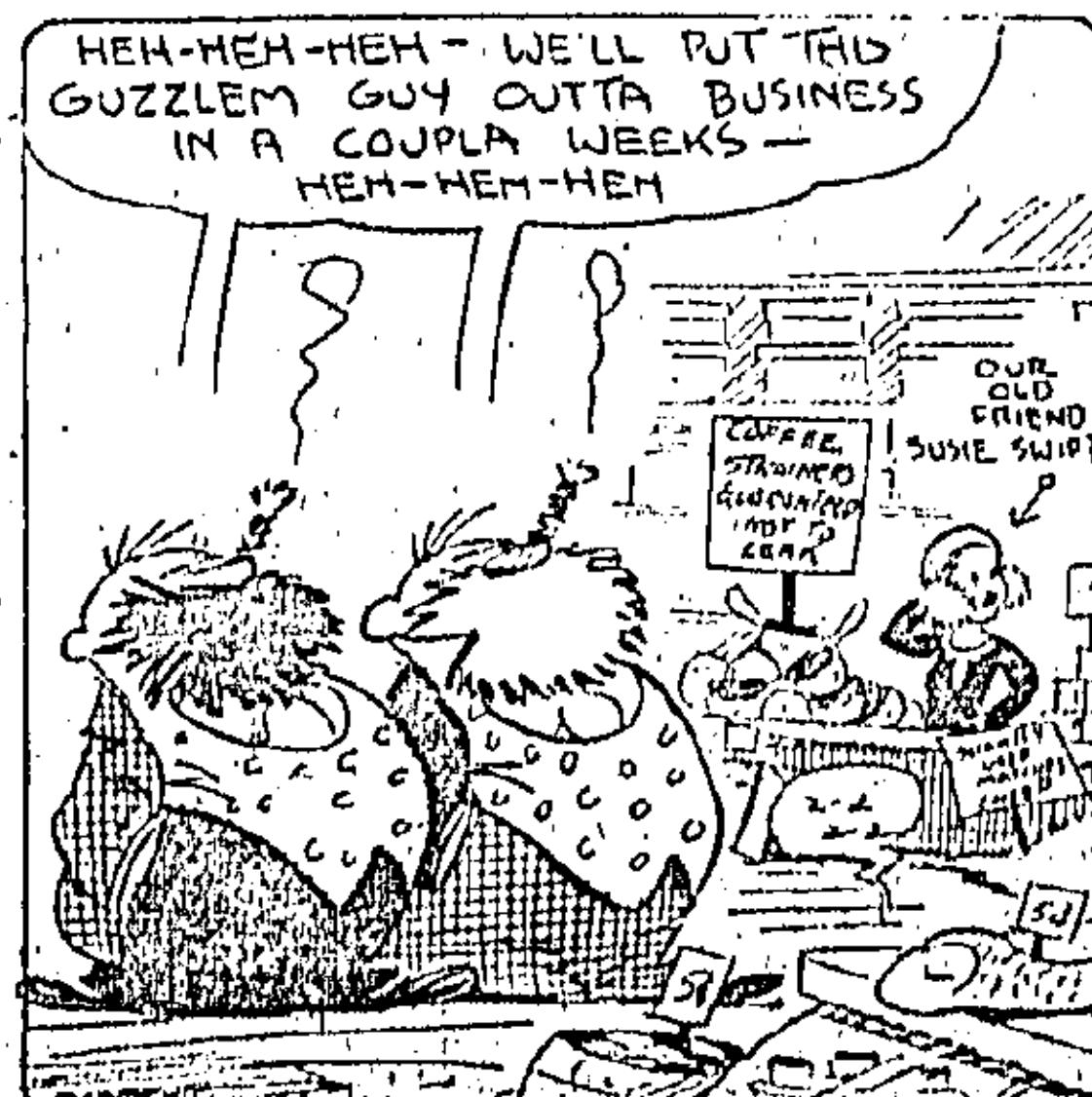
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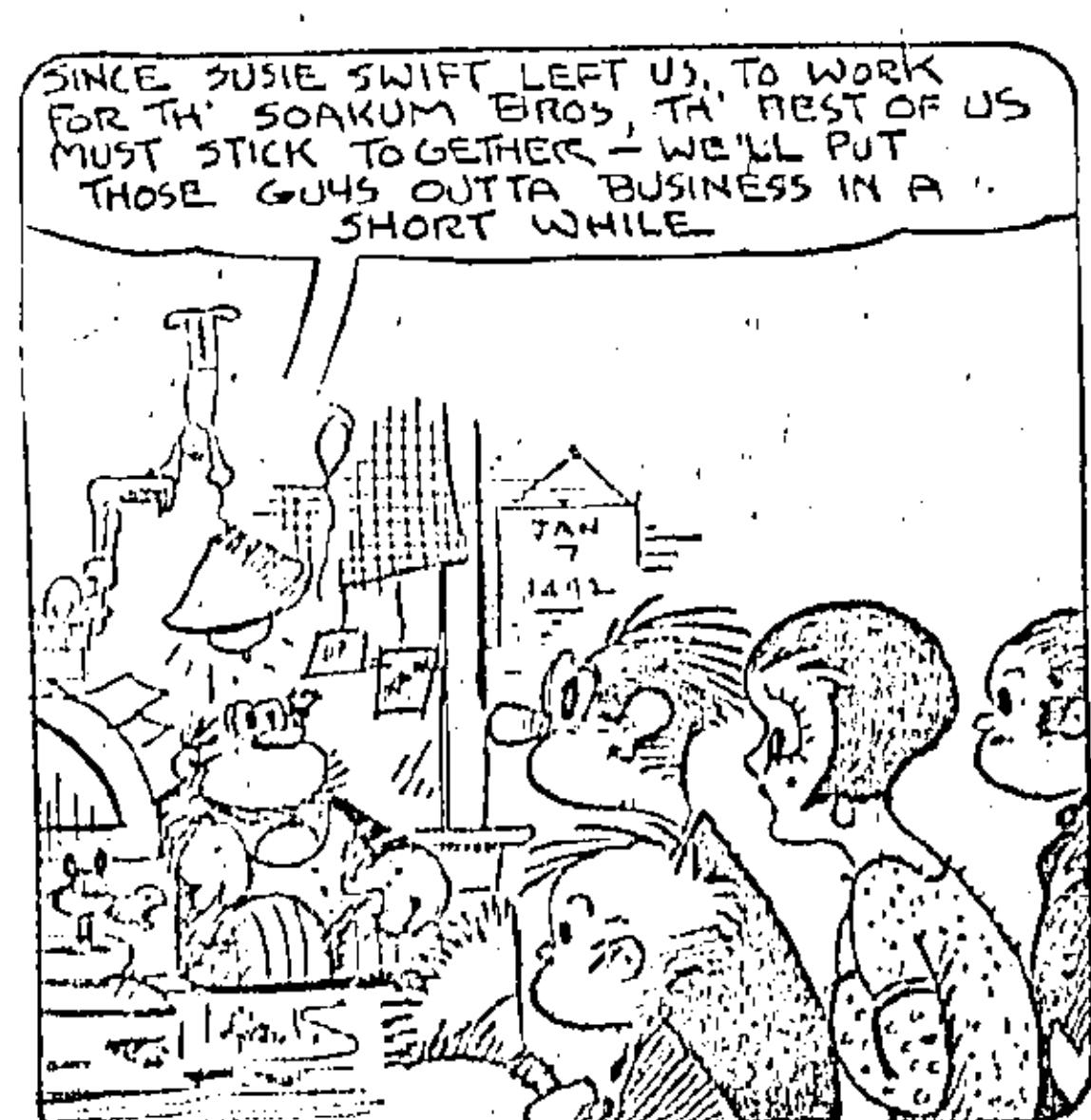
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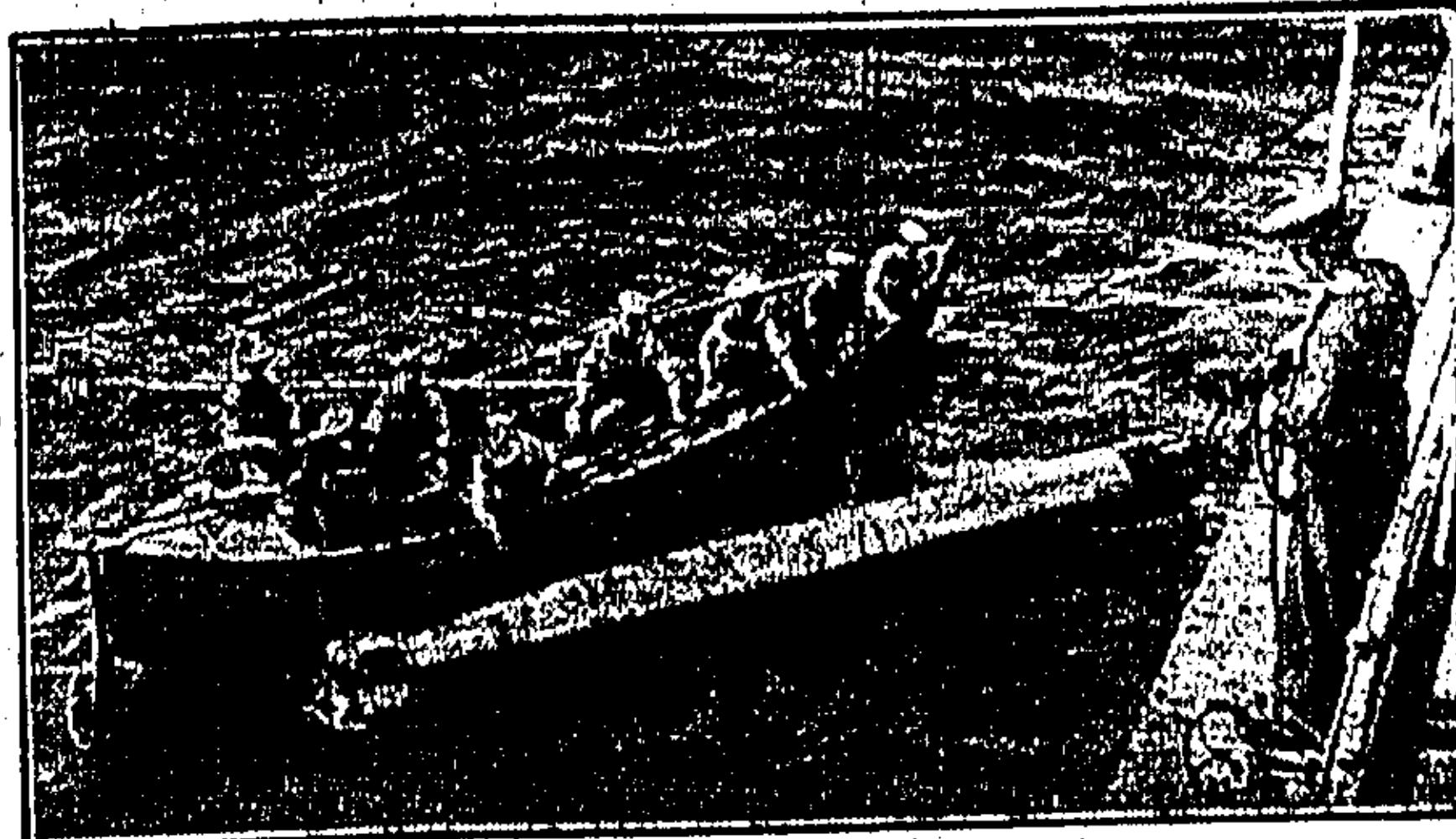
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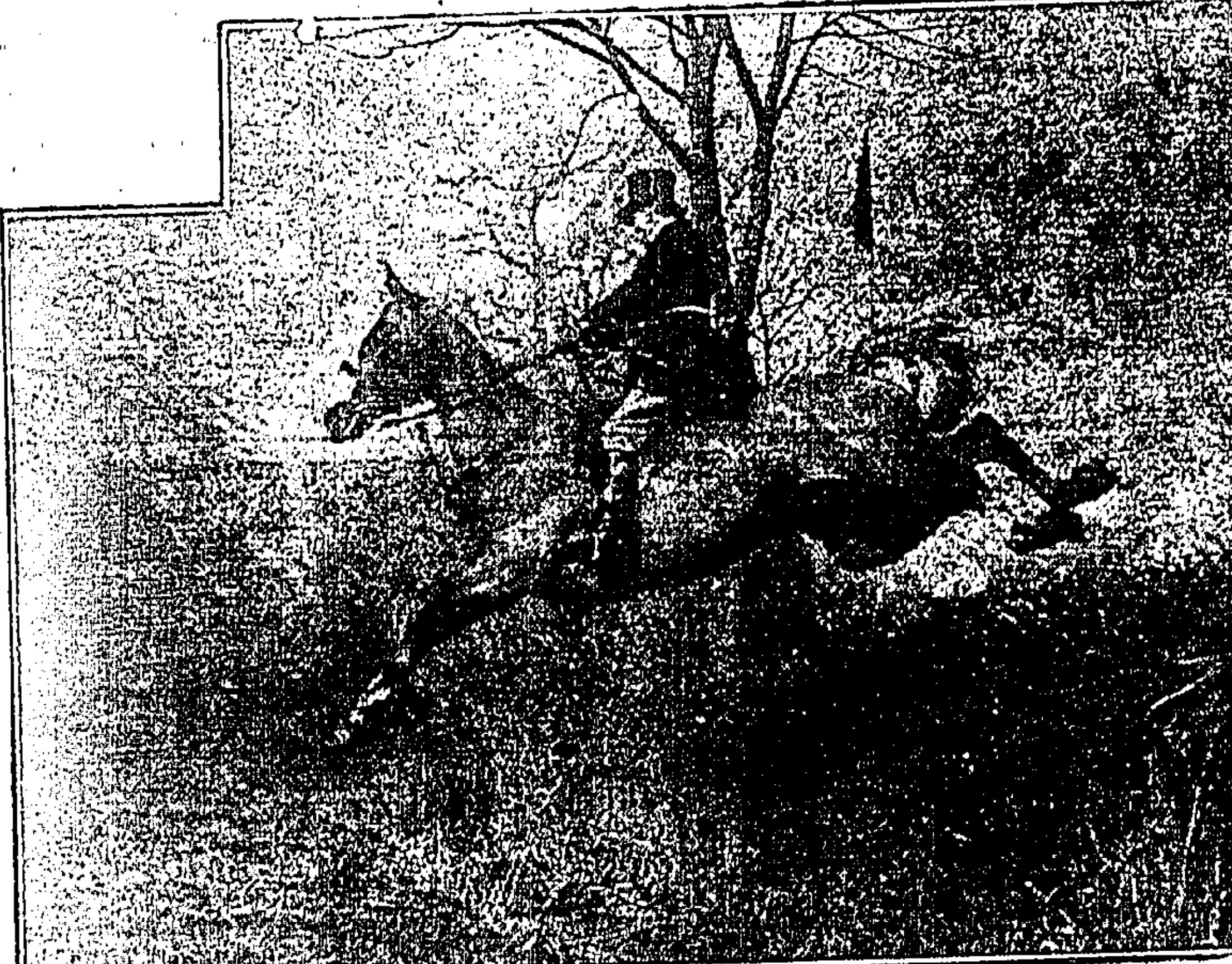
BRITISH NAVAL EXERCISES.—Hoisting one of the torpedoes on board H.M.S. Repulse after the torpedo firing exercises in the Straits of Gibraltar. (Times copyright).



OXFORD UNIVERSITY DRAG HOUNDS.—Trial of hunters at Middleton Stoney, nr. Bicester, Oxfordshire. Mr. Charles Kelly on "Starlight." (Times copyright).



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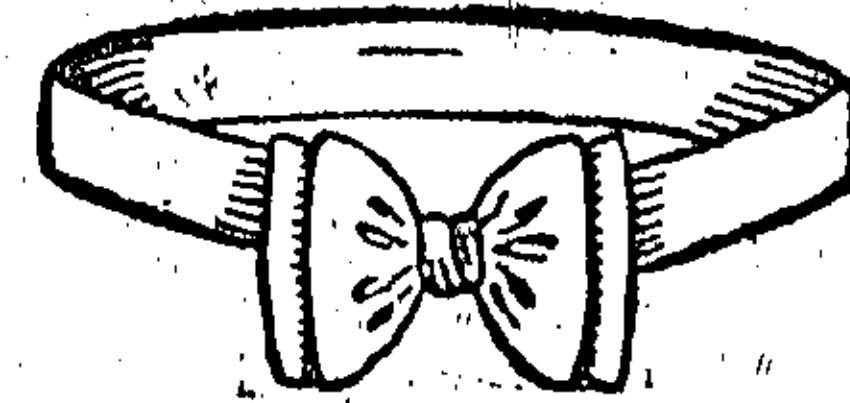


TRIAL OF HUNTERS.—Lieutenant Colonel N. V. Blacker riding Mrs. Shakespeare's "Gay Lad." (Times copyright).



NATIONAL PONY SHOW.—The National Pony Show in conjunction with the Arab Horse Society, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. Our photograph shows the judging of entries in one of the produce classes. (Times copyright).

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HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Savoy Hotel on Saturday, 7th May, at 8 p.m. Members wishing to attend should send their names together with a list of guests to the undersigned on or before 26th April.

H. M. McTAVISH,
Hon. Secretary,
China Sugar Ref. Co.**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**ST. GEORGES SOCIETY.
HONGKONG.

The Committee and Members of the above Society will be at Home to Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen in uniform on Saturday, April 23rd, at the Queen's Theatre, from 2.15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, the 7th May, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th April, 1927.

NOTICE.

The Public is hereby Noticed that we are now under instructions and orders from our head office to temporarily stop Business for TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS commencing from the 18th inst. because readjustment of accounts is to be made during this interval of time.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN,
LIMITED.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1927.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, 28th April, 1927, at 4 p.m. in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1926.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order, M. F. KEY,
Secretary.Hongkong, 20th April, 1927.
MACAO RACES:FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING,
SUNDAY, 24TH APRIL 1927.First Race 11.30 a.m.
Entrance to Public Enclosure
40 cents.Entrance to Members Stand
\$2.00.

Special Race Steamers will run as under:

Saturday, 23rd April.
From Hongkong. From Macao.
8.00 a.m. Sui An 8.00 a.m. Sui Tai.
3.00 p.m. Sui Tai. 2.00 p.m. Sui An.

Sunday, 24th April.

From Hongkong. From Macao.

9.00 a.m. Sui An. 4.30 p.m. Sui Tai.

9.00 p.m. Sui Tai. 5.30 p.m. Sui An.

Members are advised that they must show their badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Members may introduce two Ladies. Tickets may be had on application to the Secretary I.R.C.C. Macao free of charge.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets may be obtained at the Entrance Gate.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1927.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received

instructions to sell by Public Auction.

on THURSDAY,

the 28th April, 1927,

commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at No. 5, Chatham Road,

Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Catalogues will be issued.)

On View from Wednesday; the 27th April, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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HONG-KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Second Ordinary Yearly

Meeting of HONG KONG TELE-

PHONE COMPANY LIMITED,

will be held on Saturday, the 23rd

day of April, 1927, at the Board

Room of the Company, Second

Floor, Exchange Building, HONG

KONG, at 11 a.m. in the forenoon,

for the purpose of receiving a

Statement of Accounts and the Re-

port of the Board of Directors, for

the financial year ended 31st De-

cember, 1926, confirming the ap-

pointment of two Directors and re-electing two Directors and the

Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Com-

pany will be closed from the 16th

April to the 23rd April, 1927, both

days inclusive.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1927.

By Order,

of the Board,

R. GUY WILKERSON,

Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road Central,

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CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

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If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY,
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At Godown No. 16, The China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Point.

(for account of the concerned.)

33 Cases Loose Tea.

19 Cases Tea in Packets.

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A Quantity of Loose Rosin, etc.

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PUBLICATION.

PRICE for Gillette Bladess.

Blades \$9.50

Attachment for Auto-Strop Bladess.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES AND UNDERWRITERS.

GENERAL AVERAGE

s.s. "SCOTLAND MARU".

It is hereby notified that s.s.

"Scotland Maru" grounded off

Tathong Point on 12th instant

owing to dense fog, but soon float-

ed under her own power. As,

however, water was coming into

Nos. 1, 2 holds and across Bunker,

the steamer voluntarily beached at

Kowloon Bay, and this incident

has been declared to form General

Average. The cargo destined to

Hongkong has been discharged

into and is stored in the Hongkong

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Godowns at owner's risk and will

be delivered to consignees against

their signing the General Average

Bond at our office, as well as filing

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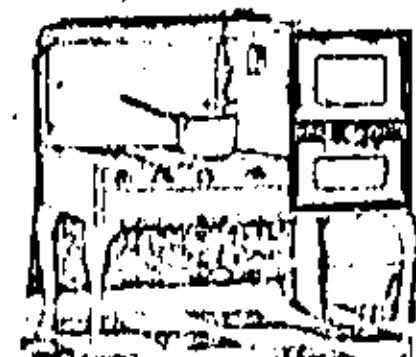
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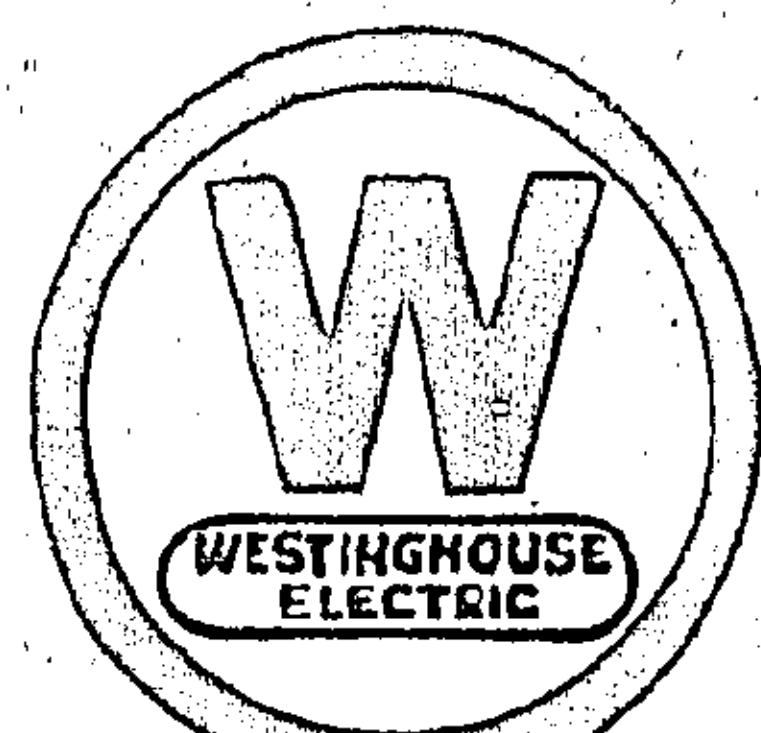
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THE DUKE OF YORK.

TRAGEDY MARS A
RAPTUROUS WELCOME:

Melbourne, April 21.
A tragedy marred Victoria's rapturous welcome to the Duke and Duchess of York. The Renown, escorted by four warships and 40 aeroplanes had steamed up the bay as close as possible inshore for the benefit of the crowds on the beaches, though misty squalls spoilt the spectacular effect.

The weather cleared sufficiently not to interfere with the imposing landing ceremonies. The aeroplanes stalled over the barge on which the Duke and Duchess of York landed and on shore continued to escort the procession through nine miles of decorated city and suburban streets which were lined by troops.

There were tumultuously cheering crowds but the cheers were changed into cries of horror when, as the procession was entering the grounds of the Government House, two aeroplanes, only a few hundred feet up, collided with a sickening impact and crashed in flames. They fell onto a garage which was set afire and four airmen were killed. Their Highnesses did not witness the accident though they were only half a mile away.—Reuter.

EMBASSY RAID.**CHINESE REPLY TO SOVIET
NOTE.**

Peking, April 21.
The Chinese reply to the Soviet note with regard to the Embassy says the raid was carried out outside the Embassy proper, the Chinese police scrupulously refraining from entering the Embassy. The Note says true diplomats enjoy special immunities, but that does not confer the right to carry on illegal practices.

Careful examination of the document seized is still going on, hence the Chinese Government is in no way complying with the demands of the Soviet.—Reuter.

FLOODS IN U.S.**FEARFUL DESTRUCTION.**

Memphis, Tenn., April 21.
In consequence of the growing menace of flood disaster in the lower Mississippi Valley the situation is very grave. It is estimated that hitherto 4,000,000 acres have been flooded, and 100,000 people are rendered homeless.

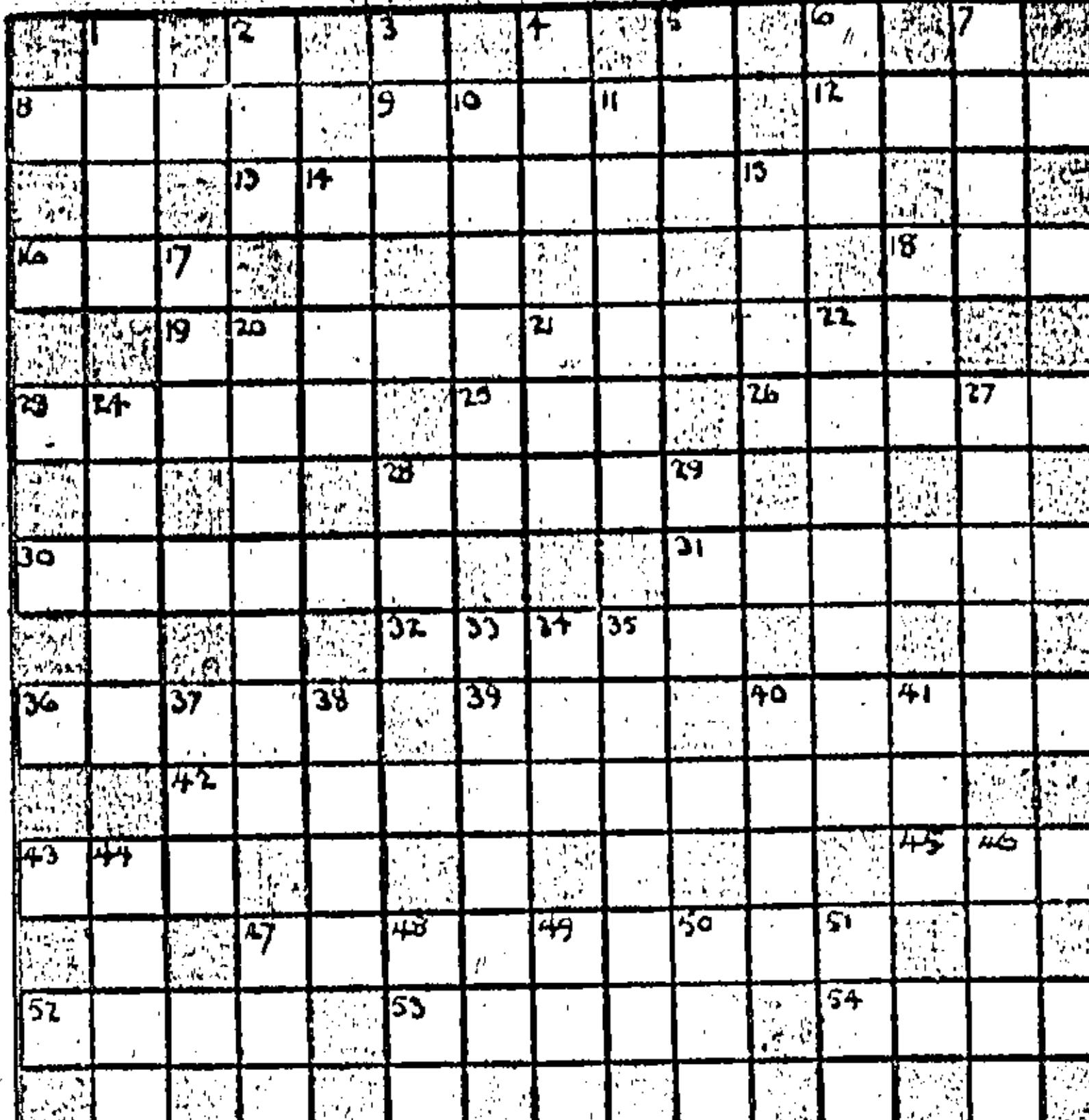
Communications are seriously impaired and the streets in many townships have become foaming whirlpools, wherein boats, men, animals and household goods are tossed wildly hither and thither.—Reuter's American Service.

TERRIBLE FIRE.**JAPANESE DISASTER.**

Tokyo, April 21.
There was a great conflagration at Kanazawa, on the West coast of Japan early this morning. One thousand buildings, including hotels, schools and a hospital were destroyed. There are no further details.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S VISIT.**CRICKET TEAM TO TOUR
MALAYA.**

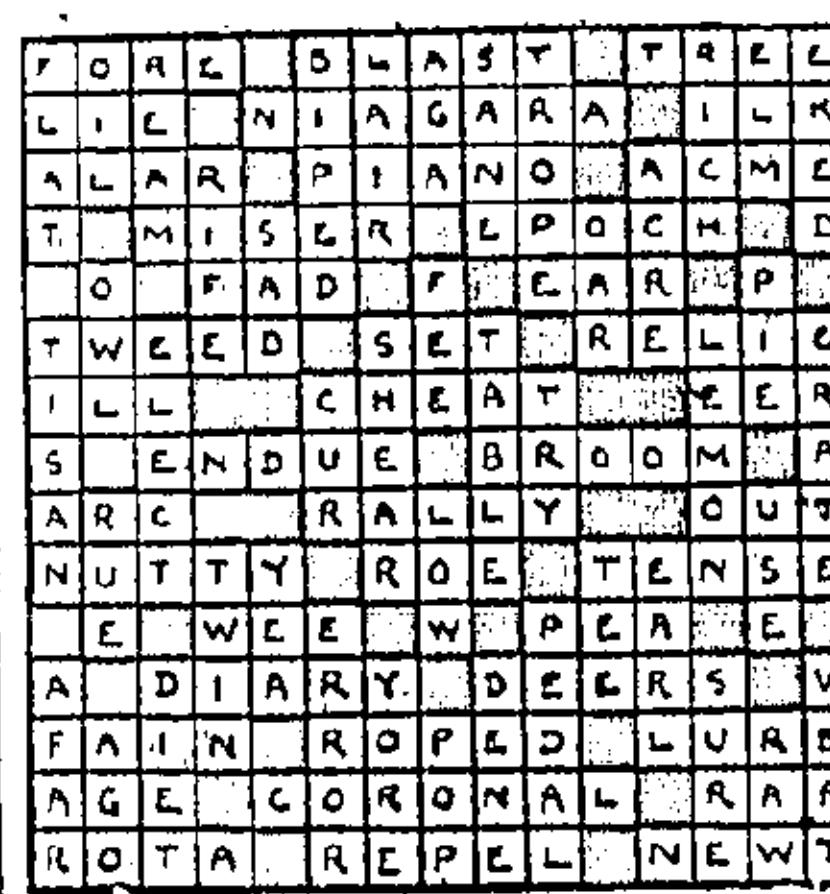
Sydney, April 21.
The Board of Control has sanctioned the visit of an Australian Cricket team to Malaya. The team will probably include several internationals. It is proposed to leave on May 3, and return on June 25.—Reuter.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.**Across.**

- 8 Valley.
- 9 Fresh water fish.
- 12 Market for goods.
- 13 Shyness.
- 14 Seat.
- 18 Heated.
- 19 State of growing.
- 23 Worked by the foot.
- 25 Came into contact with.
- 26 Planet.
- 28 Domestic birds.
- 30 Taste.
- 31 At large.
- 32 Hoofed mammal allied to the rhinoceros.
- 36 Roman household deity.
- 40 Measure.
- 42 Pertaining to Israel.
- 43 Projecting part of a revolving piece.
- 45 Termination.
- 47 Fit to be spoken.
- 52 Simple.
- 53 Frigidly.
- 54 British port in the East.

Down.

- 1 Step.
- 2 Clear of all deductions.
- 3 Squeeze between two surfaces.
- 4 Ancient.
- 5 Consumed.
- 6 Donkey.
- 7 High pitch of voice.
- 10 Ancient Greek vessel.
- 11 Decrees.
- 14 Heathen deity.
- 15 In right mind.
- 17 Small lump of soft material.
- 18 Feminine pronoun.



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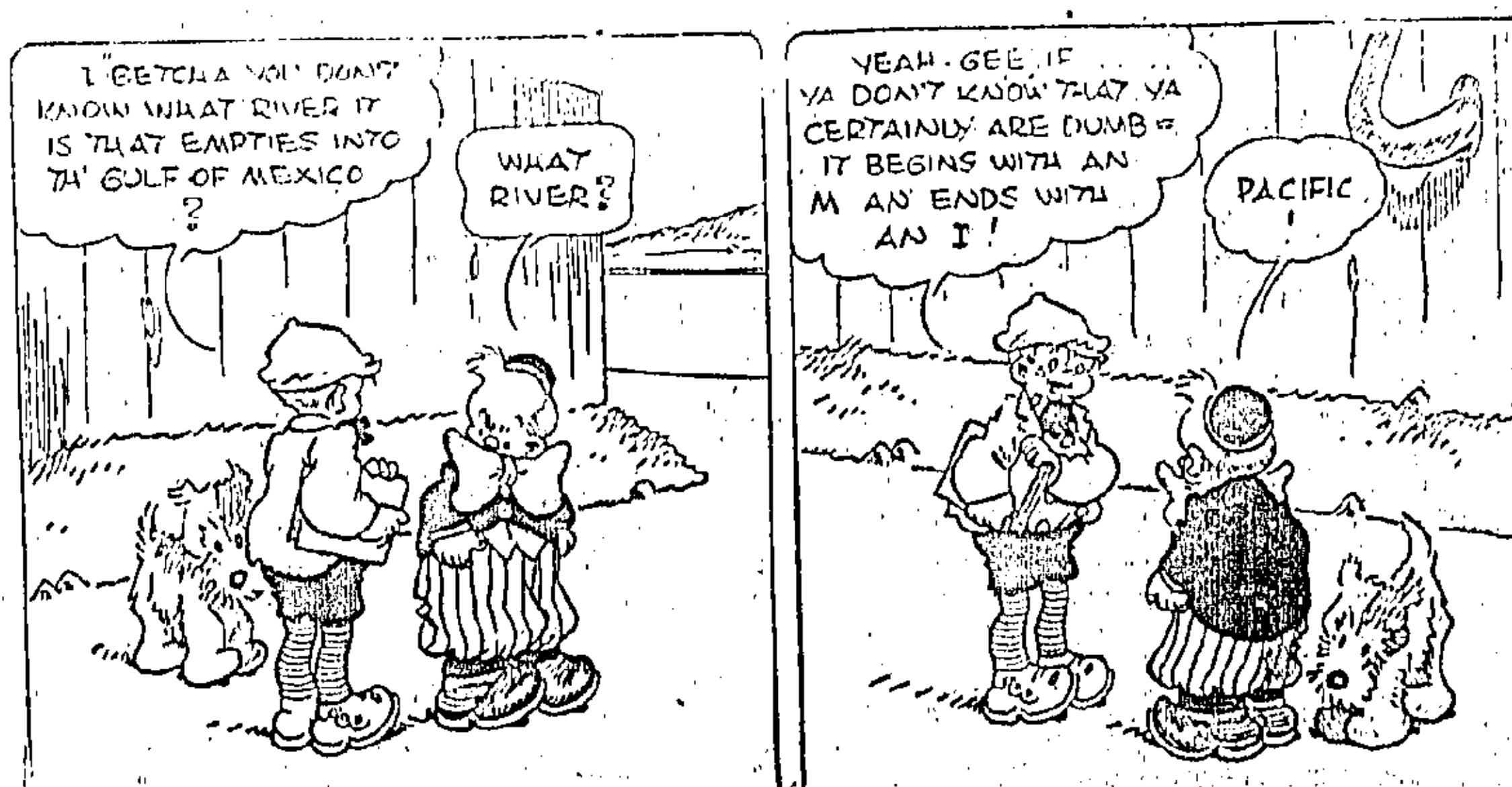
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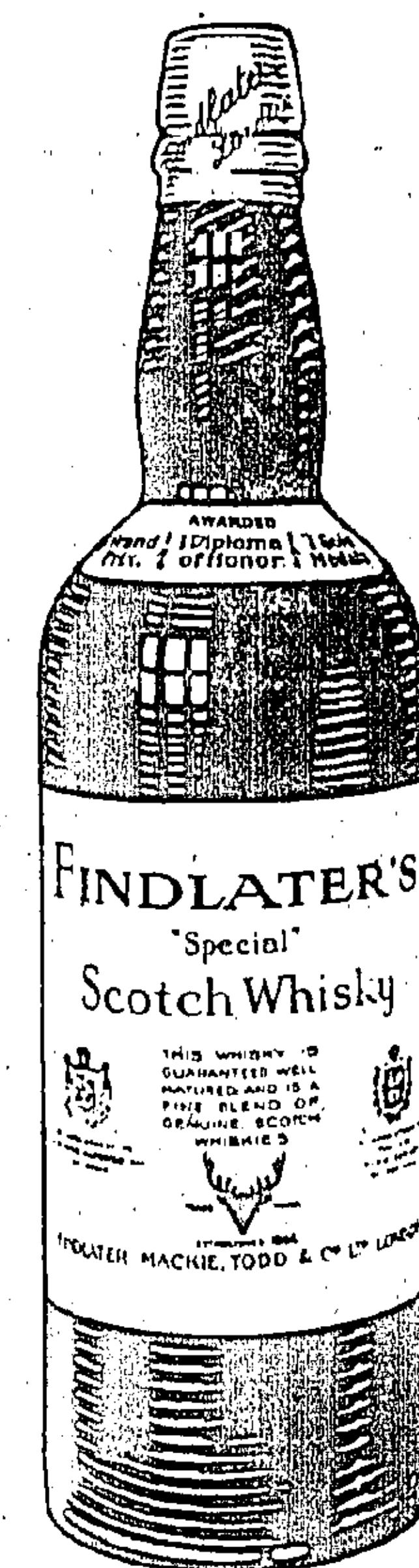
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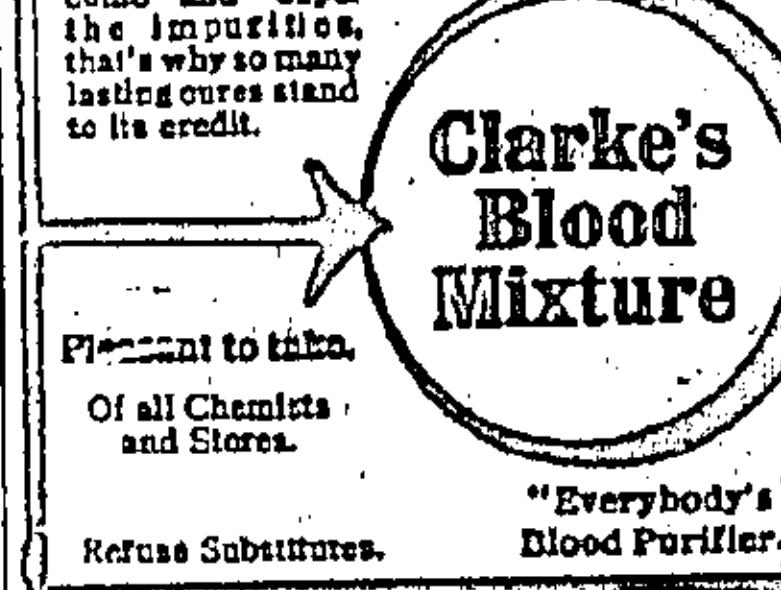
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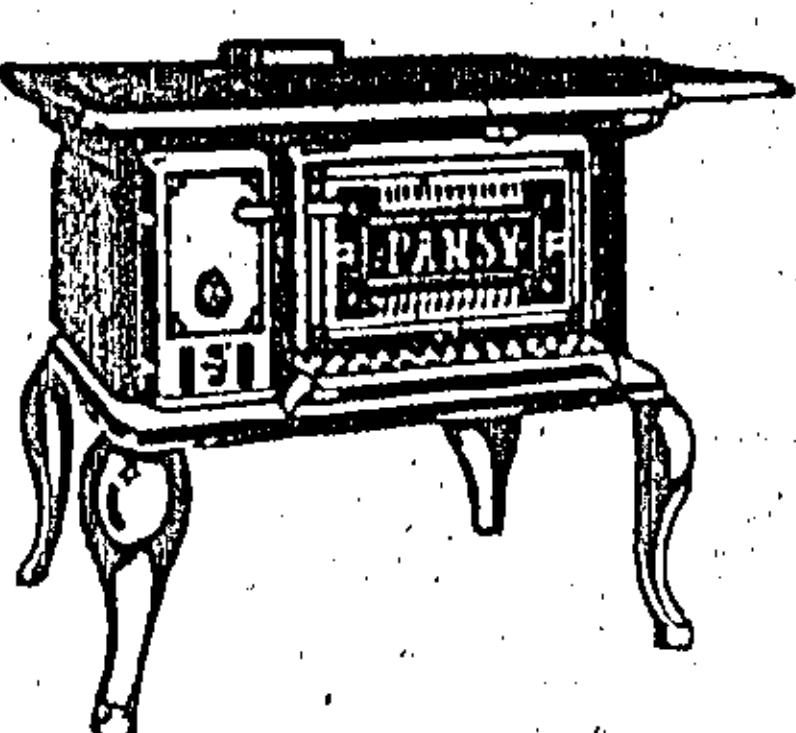
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1927.

LEADERS WANTED.

The annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, which is to be presented at the meeting to be held next Thursday afternoon, has now been issued to members and, although it reflects the fact that Hongkong and China generally has been passing through a period of acute trade depression, it makes a worthy record of much hard work performed by the Chamber. In the report of the General Committee reference is made to the boycott of Hongkong shipping and trade during the end of 1925 and part of 1926, and it is mentioned that after the formal raising of the boycott in October last "trade began to be resumed. Although there were many difficulties to be contended with these were gradually overcome and by the end of the year a fair volume of trade was being carried on between both ports. The losses sustained by merchants both in Canton and Hongkong, during the strike and boycott, which had lasted for sixteen months, were very great and this fact, combined with the sense of insecurity in the neighbouring provinces due to civil war, piracy, banditry, heavy taxation and the lawless activities of uncontrolled labour unions, indicate that it will be a long time before trade in South China returns to its normal state." There, once again, is given the text of a homily on the disastrous folly of China's unrest, and it is unfortunately true that there have been very few years in recent times when there has not been cause to regret that China has not been a peaceful and unified country. It is safe to say that no people in the world are more frequently in parlous social and economic plight than the people of China, a fact mainly attributable to the country's dearth of well-balanced, educated, and unselfish leaders.

The other day we saw in one of our Northern contemporaries, an article entitled "Where are the Men?" and it amounted to a review and a lament of the paucity of Chinese, able and fitted to lead and endowed with the altruism and patriotism necessary to the making of a successful leader. If we take the immediately recent history of China—South China and Canton as well as Peking—and analyse the cause of all the sorrows and tribulations through which

China has been passing we shall find that what China has lacked most, has been men able to direct aright the awakening aspirations of the people. There has been a ferment that could easily have been guided into beneficial channels, but which instead has been allowed to produce such abnormalities as strikes, boycotts, anti-foreign and anti-Christian outrages, trade union tyranny and a whole welter of unproductive nastiness which has resulted in leaving China nearly friendless. The insensate dislike and hostilities which have been engendered here in South China are all due to bad leadership and misdirection of what fundamentally was admittedly a worthy urge for reform and improvement. The Chamber of Commerce report, lying before us, is eloquent through practically all its pages of this great lack of the China of to-day of men fitted to take control and handle the newly-awakened forces in a manner which will be productive of constructive good. Of course, the prime requisites are moderation and toleration. Rome was not built in a day and neither can China effect the metamorphosis of becoming "modern" merely by the noisy shouting of a few "leftists."

The Mexican Outrage.

Though the world has grown used to hearing of some of the ghastly horrors which bandits, such as certain gangs in China, are capable of perpetrating, a shudder will be experienced by all who read of the terrible outrage by Mexican outlaws, in which 130 persons were heartlessly butchered. Their treatment was of a type which one would not like to think had been meted out to cattle, and it is almost unbelievable that human beings could be so fiendishly indifferent to the sufferings of their fellowmen, and fellow nationals, as to butcher them in such fashion—calmly locking them up in a train, setting the coaches on fire, and shooting down those who attempted to escape the appalling fate of being burnt alive. Apart from the speculation as to the depths to which human savagery can descend in this year of grace 1927, after centuries of civilisation, there is the aspect of conditions in general in a country where such outrages, merely repetitions of previous horrors on a larger scale, are possible. Mexico has for long been seething with discontent, and that there is no settled authority capable of enforcing its rule all over the country is evident. At the bigger centres one realises that in recent years a stronger, more able administration has arisen, and there are hopes of the country rising in time to a position of considerable importance in the Americas. But long periods of misrule are not easily overcome. Mexico is rich in natural wealth, principally oil-bearing territories, and their development by entirely native enterprise is being aimed at, having been the cause of a great deal of very recent friction with outside interests. But the country affords some of the most vivid contrasts to be found in any part of the world. One had hoped that the days of outlawry depicted on some of the more sensational cinema films were passing; but this latest outrage transcends anything a scenario writer ever imagined in his wildest flights of fancy. It tells its own tale of the task that yet lies ahead of those who would make the country stable State among the progressive Governments of the American continent.

In view of various conflicting rumours, says the *Malay Mail*, we are glad to be able to state that we understand that at the expiration of his forthcoming leave the Hon. Mr. W. Peel, C.M.G., will return to Kuala Lumpur as Chief Secretary to the Government.

For returning from banishment a Chinese was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Major C. Wilson this morning. Police evidence was given to show that the man was banished four months ago for a period of ten years but he returned to the Colony yesterday. Defendant said a friend intended to take him to Macao from his native place, and he had no idea the junk would call in at Hongkong.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, April 21.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.93 1/4
Amsterdam	12.13 1/2
Berlin	20.49
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.65
Helsingfors	102
Lisbon	2/17/32
Bucharest	.766
Buenos Aires	47.9/16
Shanghai	2/6/32
Yokohama	1/11/23/32
New York	4.85 11/16
Geneva	25.25
Milan	94.05
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	18.71 1/4
Prague	27.69 1/4
Madrid	1.03 1/4
Athens	365 1/4
Rio	5/27/32
Bombay	1/5/19/32
Hongkong	2/0/14
Silver (spot)	26.3/16
Silver (forward)	26.1/16

British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

MY EXPERIENCE OF LIFE IS THAT THE GREATER THE WEALTH THE WORSE THE DIGESTION.—Max Bar-

The weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory for the period ending at noon to-morrow is: N. E. winds, moderate; fair.

The motor ship *Tugela* of the Norwegian Africa and Australia Line, left Singapore yesterday and is expected to arrive here on Wednesday with general cargo from Norway via ports.

"Football Fan."—We cannot publish your letter as you do not comply with our rule that all correspondents must send their name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of *bona fides*.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Gunner Thomas Addis Martin, to be Second-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 11th April, 1927.

Harbour Office reports show that up to nine o'clock this morning, during the last twenty-four hours, 20 vessels arrived and 12 departed, the British figures being four in each case. There were 71 ships in harbour.

Mr. G. F. Taylor, light-keeper at Green Island, has reported to the police that on Wednesday night he left a satchel containing departmental papers in a taxi which took him to Kennedy Town on his return to Green Island.

Before Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, the mistresses of two junks were summoned for dragging in the Naval anchorage without permission. They were each fined \$5 or five days.

The Singapore Municipal Commissioners have issued invitations to a ceremony at Gunong Pulai, Johore, on Sunday, the 24th inst., when the Sultan of Johore will declare open the pipe-line bringing the first supply of water from Johore to Singapore.

A sum of \$6,000 which was to have been paid to the Sun Tong Yick drug-shop at Bonham Strand, did not reach its destination, and a search is now being made for a fool who was entrusted with the money. The matter was reported to the police yesterday.

There were two fresh cases of typhoid fever, two fresh cases of diphtheria and one fresh case of small-pox reported to the local health authorities yesterday. With the exception of one of the cases of diphtheria (Indian) all the sufferers were Chinese.

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BROKERS' RICKSHAS.

NOT PERMITTED TO OBSTRUCT.

During the hearing of a summons against a ricksha coolie at the Central Magistracy this morning, for obstruction through the parking of his vehicle at a prohibited spot, Mr. F. A. Fulcher, of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, said that the coolie was one of the rickshamen employed by this firm, and with regard to the nature of the offence, said that it had been understood that brokers who had their offices in the new Exchange Building were permitted to park their rickshas in the alleyway between that building and Powell's.

The Indian Traffic Sergeant who took out the summons, stated however, that the offence occurred in Des Voeux Road; and he gave evidence to the effect that the defendant was seen to squat down with his ricksha for some time outside the premises of Messrs. A. S. Watson.

Mr. Fulcher then said that he had been wrongly informed as to the locality of the offence.

The coolie was fined \$5.

PIRATES FRUSTRATED.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS.

During the year under review there has been a marked increase in the number of pirates in South China waters, says the Chamber of Commerce report for 1926. These depredations under shipping are for the most part of two well-marked types. In the case of local steamers, officered by Europeans and manned by a Chinese or other native crew, the pirates usually embark as passengers and take the ship by surprise at a convenient opportunity.

In most of these cases it has been the custom to compel the ship's officers to steer for the notorious pirates' headquarters, Bias Bay (in Chinese territory), a few hours steam from Hongkong, and there unload loot and, sometimes, take passengers away to be held to ransom.

In number beyond all computation is the second type of attack, in which pirates in small craft levy an unceasing toll upon Chinese junks, towed launches, fishing boats and other vessels in the waters of South China. To the Hongkong police authorities alone as many as twenty-one pirates of this kind were reported during 1926 and this number forms but a tithe of those which take place in neighbouring waters.

The Recapture of the *s.s. Sunning*.

When passengers produce arms and make a surprise attack upon the handful of European officers in charge of a steamer manned by a Chinese crew (on whom in practice no dependence can be placed for assistance in defence) it is not surprising that the pirates usually make an easy capture. The case of the China Navigation Company's steamer, *Sunning*, was, however, a notable exception. On November 15, 1926, a gang of armed pirates who embarked as passengers gained control of the vessel while she was approaching Hongkong from Amoy.

Mr. Thomas Parke Beatty (Chief Officer) and Mr. Joseph William Hurst (the Second Officer) decided to make an attempt to recapture the ship. They managed to secure some arms which had been overlooked and they proposed to take unaware the pirates within the bridge grilled area and so regain possession of that defensible portion of the ship. This was done. Two pirates were knocked down with the deep sea lead and then ensued for some hours a sharp encounter with about sixteen pirates who endeavoured by a vigorous attack in force to retake the bridge.

The pirates were evidently prepared to stick at nothing in order to regain control. They used the Chief Engineer (Mr. George Cormack) and Chinese passengers as screens against the bullets from the bridge. In consequence, the Chief Engineer was wounded but, being rescued by the holders of the bridge, he also took part in the fight. In an attempt to enforce surrender the pirates set fire to the ship, but the defenders stood fast.

Appreciation of Courage.

The Committee is sure that members will desire that an expression of warm appreciation be placed on record by the Chamber of the courageous conduct of Captain Pringle, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Hurst and Mr. Cormack—and of Mr. William Orr and Mr. Andrew Duncan, (second and third Engineers respectively), who heartily supported them—on this occasion. In the face of great odds they carried out with daring and resource an enterprise of great difficulty and danger, and heroically maintained their stand even when the pirates did their worst by setting fire to the ship.

Two days later a new geyser was unloaded upon me without any previous warning, and the thirteenth and fourteenth men—others called in the interval during the afternoons—discovered the wrong geyser had been sent. The right one was eventually fixed by Nos. 17 and 18, and when I ventured to presume that they were the last of the company I was informed that I was nearly correct; it now only remained for one man to call and affix a label to the geyser, and for the inspector to inspect it."

The Very Idea!

Among the advertisements in the Russian daily, *Novoye Russkoye Slovo*, was the following:

With the object of matrimony wish to correspond with an intelligent human being, who has some savings.—New York Evening World.

The grocer put it on the porch: Two pounds of liverwurst. The family never found it.

A stray dog got there first.

More schoolboy howlers: Blood consists of two sorts of cork-screws, red cork-screws and white cork-screws.

Avogadro's Law is as to whether a molecule consists of one, two, or three atoms. It one, it is called a nomad, if two, a dryad, and so on.

A fugue is what you have when a room is full of people and the doors and windows are shut.

Willesden magistrate, to a deserted wife: Have you evidence of your husband's means? Wife: I have seen him out shopping for his laundry.

Magistrate at Willesden: What sort of a son has he been to you? The mother: Quite a good boy, sir; anyhow, better than his father, who has run away.

A resident of Gorgonzola, Italy, owed his wealth to the fact that his name had sweeter associations than that of his native town. A firm of perfumers in Cologne scoured Italy for some one with the legal right to bear the name Johanna Maria Farina, so that they might make him their partner and trade under his name, which was borne by the original inventor of Eau-de-Cologne many years ago.

He was found in Gorgonzola and was induced to lend his presence and his name to the Cologne business. The business prospered, and two years later Signor Farina was pensioned off and returned to Italy, where he died.

The original firm of Cologne water makers have tried repeatedly to stop their rival's business, and the story of Signor Farina, of Gorgonzola, has now been revealed in a lawsuit. The judges decided that that business in which he had been a sleeping partner had the right to trade under his name.

Twenty men, a geyser, and a gas company were all involved in a red-tape Gilbertian comedy enacted at Albany-mansions, Albert Bridge-road, S. W. 11.

The one person who fails to appreciate the joke is the tenant, Mrs. Marcott.

"The episode may throw light on the vexed question of the high price of gas in certain districts," said Mrs. Marcott to a *Daily Express* representative yesterday.

"A fortnight ago my bathroom geyser sprang a slight water leak in one of its joints. I telephoned to the gas company, and was informed that they would be unable to send until the following morning.

"I then mended the leaking geyser temporarily with a lump of soap, and went out. Upon my return I found that two men had called during the afternoon, and these were followed—since geyser men always hunt in couples—by two more turned up the next morning, and I was told the geyser was repaired.

"Two days later a new geyser was unloaded upon

COLONY'S SHIPPING FIGURES.

FURTHER TONNAGE DECREASE IN 1926.

EFFECT OF BOYCOTT.

The effect on Hongkong's trade of the unreasonable anti-British manifestations in South China is indicated by a further decrease of 4,648,220 tons in the aggregate tonnage of shipping entering and leaving Hongkong during 1926.

The total for 1926 as shown by comparative tables in the annual report of the Chamber of Commerce was 36,821,364 tons, as against 41,409,584 tons in 1925, compared with 56,731,077 in 1924 and with 53,402,239 tons in 1923. It will be observed that the aggregate tonnage has dropped nearly 40 per cent since the pinnacle was reached in 1924.

Of principal interest are the figures relating to ocean-going traffic. They make it clear that the falling off has been due to the failure of the smaller vessels to visit Hongkong. The total traffic is represented in 30,231 vessels of 28,371,104 tons aggregate as against 41,336 vessels of 32,179,053 tons in 1925, and 57,765 vessels and 38,770,499 tons in 1924.

Although the decrease in the number of vessels entering was over 25 per cent, the decrease in tonnage was only 12 per cent. These figures refer to the years 1925 and 1926.

British Traffic Stander.

Confining the figures to ocean-going steamers it is found that British shipping has not proportionately decreased with foreign shipping. During 1926 the number of ocean-going steamers entering and clearing was 7,369 (3,401 British and 4,468 foreign); the aggregate tonnage was 21,314,696 (9,257,117 British and 12,057,279 foreign). In 1925 the figures were 9,679 vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 23,653,774, with British figures 3,916 vessels and 9,865,820 tons. While 1,255 fewer foreign steamers representing a decrease of 1,729,675, visited Hongkong, the British figures were 515 and 609,403 tons respectively.

It is notable that British river steamers increased by 18,314 tons to 5,473,129 tons in 1926, while foreign river steamers decreased by 345,143 tons to 107,735 tons, a net decrease by foreign companies during the year of over 75 per cent. The British figures were only just over 200,000 tons below those of 1924.

ENGLISH BANK RATE LOWERED.

DUE TO LARGE GOLD HOLDINGS.

CHEERED ON 'CHANGE.

London, April 21. The Bank of England discount rate is fixed at four and a half per cent.—*Reuter*.

A Surprise Decision.

Later. The recent large influx of gold to the Bank of England led to a revival of talk of a early reduction in the Bank Rate, but the decision to-day came somewhat as a surprise and has given encouragement not merely in city circles but to trade generally. British securities are immediately showing increased activity and strength.—*Reuter*.

Cheered on 'Change.

London, April 21. The announcement that the bank rate had been lowered from five to four-and-a-half per cent. was cheered on the Stock Exchange where it was posted up to-day.

The Rate had stood at five per cent. since December, 1925. Financial circles had been confidently expecting a early reduction. The stock of gold held by the Bank of England, is now only about £2,000,000 less than it was before the country returned to the gold standard two years ago and it is still flowing in. It was generally anticipated that the Bank directors when they lowered the rate would act with their usual caution by taking off only one half per cent.

A cut in the rate from five to four per cent. has not been made in one stroke since 1908, although in that period there have been numerous reductions from five to four per cent. by way of four-and-a-half per cent.—*British Wireless*.

Owing to the destruction caused by the *lippis monacha*, a moth which ravages large tracts of coniferous woods, the Czechoslovak Forestry Department has decided to fight it by means of lead and arsenic compound dropped from aeroplanes. The

CRIME MENACE.

SINGAPORE PLEA FOR RESTRICTIONS.

ARMED CHINESE PROBLEM.

In view of the report of intimidation in Singapore, in connexion with the Chinese boycott of the tram service, given in a news cable to-day, the following from the *Straits Times* of Thursday last week is of special interest:

A correspondent signing himself "An Old Citizen" suggests that the methods of some forty years ago in dealing with the suppression of secret societies are worthy of present imitation. "Secret societies," he adds, "seem to have started at the bottom of all these troubles." Local history certainly shows that resolute action was taken with every success in the time of Mr. Alexander Pickering, the first Protector of Chinese in Singapore, and Mr. G. T. Hare and others, and though it is not certain that the secret societies as then known find their prototype in the agitators responsible for the present trouble, it seems obvious that some of the methods of the forerunners of the present authorities might well be adopted to advantage.

Lawlessness among a certain element of the Chinese population has been a factor to deal with throughout Singapore's history. Mention of it is found, as early as 1830, and trouble with unlawful societies has been a recurring problem ever since. It is no excuse to say that the present trouble, which has made itself evident in the boycott of the Traction Company, is an inevitable repercussion of events in China. There were serious troubles in China twenty-seven years ago, when the word Boxer became prominent, but there is no evidence that the peace of the Straits Settlements was threatened.

The boycott problem is not easy to handle as it is difficult to get at the ringleaders, but we refuse to believe that the authorities find themselves powerless to do anything to stop it. Resolute action now may prevent more serious trouble, perhaps an extension of the boycott to other services, later on. It is necessary to show the agitators that their methods do not pay, and it is surely not beyond the wit of our Government officials, particularly those who have made Chinese affairs their special study, to devise some means of getting at the root of the trouble.

The tram boycott is one question. There are others which demand instant attention. There have been several prosecutions for disseminating seditious literature, but still the nuisance goes on. Small bills printed with Chinese characters are posted up, often even in such places as Cavenagh Bridge, and attract their crowds of readers. The posting up of such notices is easy enough, of course, when the perpetrators watch their opportunity, and perhaps it is impossible for the police to keep a watch on all the printing shops in the town. For all we know, these bills may refer to such innocent matters as pink pills and theatrical entertainments, but it is inevitable that they are regarded with suspicion by those whose education did not include a study of Chinese characters. We trust that the colony possesses a sufficient number of officers, European as well as Asiatic, to whom the reading of Chinese presents no mystery, and it is not unreasonable to suggest that the present is an opportune time when the law regarding facilities to print and publish any kind of matter might be made much more stringent.

Stricter Measures.

Stricter law in this respect and also such matters as night schools, secret societies and the like would make the task of the police in preserving the peace of the settlement considerably less difficult.

Unlicensed Firearms.

Licences for firearms are never granted without full enquiry by the Police, and in the ordinary course of events the usual restrictions are not always sufficient. But these are times when restrictions might well be tightened, and the authorities might consider whether it is not possible for something to be done in this matter of gun licences.

Our correspondent suggested the calling in of all licences. This, of course, is hardly practicable, but it is feasible to suggest that the whole system of granting licences should be very carefully revised. The matter of the illicit import of arms is watched as carefully as possible, and it is doubtful whether anything more can be done in this direction. Ships are searched, and men caught smuggling arms are sternly punished. The licence system may afford a loophole, small though it is, for undesirable people to be able to get hold of deadly weapons. The

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended April 21st, 1906.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0.11/16d.

The Indo-China steamer Loong-wo, built for the Yangtze trade, was launched at Kowloon Dock. She was christened by Mrs. Dickson, the wife of the Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.

The Superioreess and Sister of the Asile de la Sainte Enfance made an appeal for funds to build a new Hospital at Wongneichong.

A wireless telegraphy expert was appointed to the China Station.

A telegram reports the disastrous earthquake of San Francisco.

The British Minister in Peking addressed the Waiwupu in the matter of the China Merchants S. N. Company being allowed to carry goods and being charged lighter Custom rates. He demanded that the same privileges be accorded to shippers in British bottoms.

The death is recorded in Shanghai of Mr. T. McNaughton, senior engineer in Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's service.

Capt. Outerbridge, of s.s. Tai-ming, brought in tow to Hongkong the American barque Alta, which wrecked on Naie Reef in the great typhoon of September, 1905. The s.s. Alta was sent to Kowloon Dock for repair.

The first meeting of the season of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club was held. Among the members of the Committee were Lieut.-Col. Aitken, Major Parker, Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton, C. H. Ross, J. A. Jupp, H. P. White, Mr. C. G. Mackie was Hon. Secretary.

The Chinese Government despatched urgent telegrams to the Ministers in London and Washington protesting against the approval of Great Britain and America that Japanese assistance be given to Chinese police with a view to affording adequate protection to foreigners in China.

Owing to the illness of Inspector John Gould, Inspector Gourlay was transferred to No. 2 Police Station.

The wedding is announced in Shanghai, on April 12th, of Mr. George F. Hutton-Potts, to Miss Eame Stuart Wallace.

Among the golfers for the Robertson Farewell Cup at Happy Valley were the following: Dr. G. M. Harston, Dr. C. Forsyth, Messrs. C. E. H. Beavis, E. V. D. Parr, A. Brooke-Smith, T. S. Forrest, J. Clark, and W. W. G. Ross, the latter being the winner.

A large number of friends wished the Hon. Mr. Robert Shewan bon voyage on his departure for England on holiday by the Empress of India.

H. E. Lin Shao-nien, Governor of Kwangsi, memorialised the Throne for permission to transfer his headquarters from Kweilin to Nanning.

SINGAPORE GAMBLERS.

CHINESE FIGHT POLICE.

For some time past Duxton Road in Singapore has been the home of Chinese gamblers, who, from all appearances, are quite fearless.

They do not even gamble inside their house, but bring their paraphernalia out into the street where there have been as many as 20 gambling schools in operation.

On the night of April 12, about nine o'clock, Inspector Kemp and some native policemen raided the schools in the centre of the road. The gamblers resented interference and attacked the police, shouting "Pah!" A fierce struggle ensued, but only three arrests were effected.

The next morning in the Third Court, the three Chinese were charged with gambling, and a fine of \$25 or six weeks' rigorous imprisonment was imposed.

Thomson Road district has an unsavoury reputation. In addition to the murder of Mr. Flynn, it was the scene of another outrage some months ago, when a well-known Towkay was killed by Chinese gunmen, who disappeared without trace.

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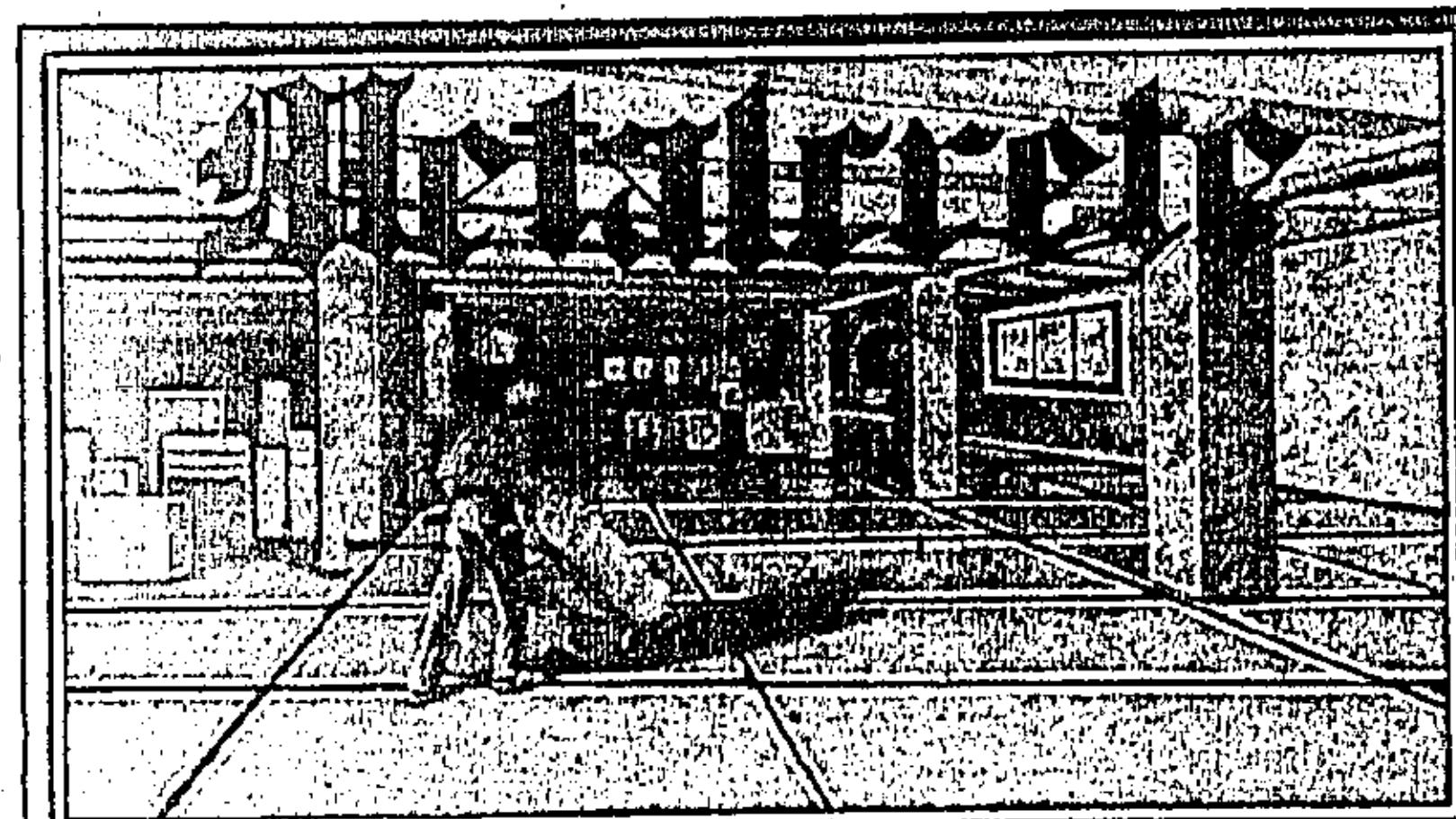
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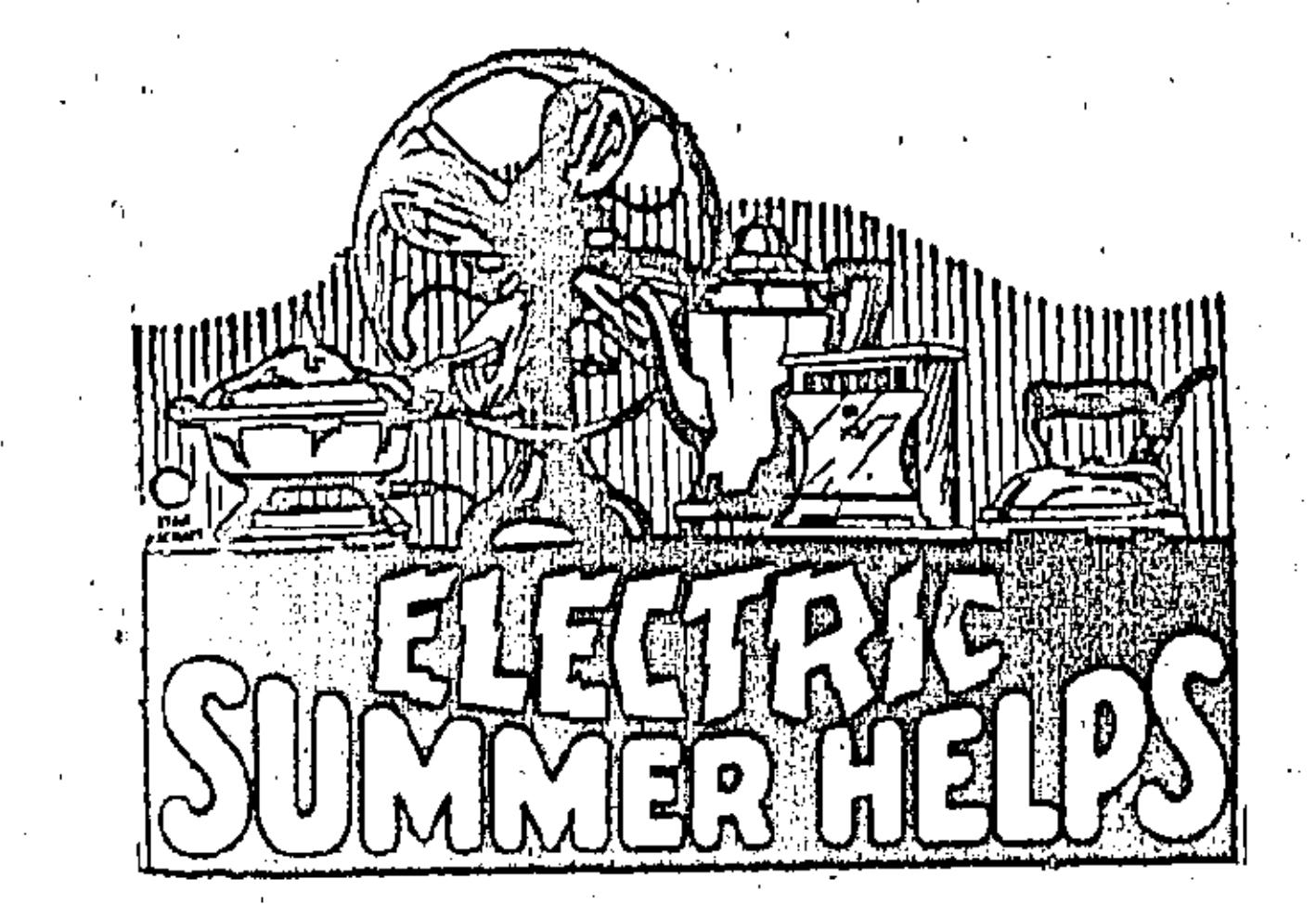
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POLITICAL SITUATION.**MERCHANTS SUSTAIN HEAVY LOSSES.**

A brief account of the political situation and of the boycott of Hongkong shipping and trade by Canton and Swatow, is contained in the annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, just issued, from which we take the following extracts:

This boycott continued during the greater part of 1926 and although negotiations were opened up between the Hongkong Government and the authorities in Canton there was no improvement in the situation until September. On the 18th of that month the Canton Government, through Mr. Eugene Chen, informed H.B.M. Consul-General that arrangements had been made to terminate the boycott of British goods on October 10th and that an extra tax of 2½ per cent. would be levied on all foreign imports. On October 9th a formal announcement was made that the boycott would be lifted next day.

Thereafter trade began to be resumed and although there were many difficulties to be contended with, these were gradually overcome, and by the close of the year a fair volume of trade was being carried on between the two ports. The losses sustained by merchants both in Canton and Hongkong during the strike and boycott, which had lasted for sixteen months, were very great and this fact, combined with the sense of insecurity in the neighbouring provinces due to civil war, piracy, banditry, heavy taxation and the lawless activities of uncontrolled labour unions, indicate that it will be a long time before trade in South China returns to its normal state.

With the seizure by a mob of the Concession at Hankow and the negotiations between Mr. O'Malley, representing the British Government, and Mr. Eugene Chen, representing the "Nationalist" Government, relating to the conditions under which the Concession is to be governed in future the political situation enters upon a new phase the outcome of which it is difficult to foresee. Expression may fittingly be given here to the sense of relief which came

Membership.

During the year there were eleven withdrawals from membership of the Chamber—two on account of death—and the following admissions: Mr. Frank Austin, Messrs. W. R. Grace and Co., The China Agency and Trading Co., of Hongkong, Ltd., Messrs. A. P. Leong Hinkee and Co.

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SCHOOL ATHLETICS.**ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SPORTS.**

Despite threatening weather and the unfavourable condition of the track, St. Joseph's College held their 11th Annual Athletic Sports on the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday. Commencing from 12 noon a heavy list of thirty-two events were gone through without a hitch.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mr. E. Ralphs presented the prizes to the winners. Before doing so he said: "I do want to thank you all for asking me to come and distribute the prizes to-day. I always enjoy coming to St. Joseph's College because I always get a warm welcome and am made to feel that I am amongst very old friends. I would like to congratulate the winners—and not only the winners—but all those who took part, and with their grim determination made the sport the success it has proved to be. It was a very successful sports meeting and I hope that before long you will have a fine college in Kowloon with very extensive football and cricket fields attached. That is coming in the not very distant future. When that comes, I feel that you will be able to go on with your sports very much better than you have done so far."

(Applause).

After the prizes were distributed, the Revd. Bro. Almar presented Mr. Ralphs with a small silver sailing junk. In accepting the gift Mr. Ralphs said he would always treasure it as it would remind him of his pleasant association with St. Joseph's College. The Revd. Bro. Almar in a few words then thanked all those who have helped to make the sports a success. He also thanked those who have contributed to the Prize Fund and he thanked the many friends and supporters of the College who have come to see the events.

The School Championship was won by C. Figueiredo as also was the challenge cup for 440 yards, presented by the Cable Company which this competitor has won on two successive occasions.

Prize Winners.

The prize winners were as follows:—
Long Jump Junior: 1. C. Paley, 2. J. Mark.
Long Jump Senior: 1. Chan Hing, 2. V. Fernandes.
100 Yards Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. C. Santos.
100 Yards Senior: 1. C. Victor, 2. Lum Ho-yin.
100 Yards Handicap: 1. D. Alves, 2. R. Grestigo, 3. T. Alves.
High Jump Junior: 1. C. Paley, 2.

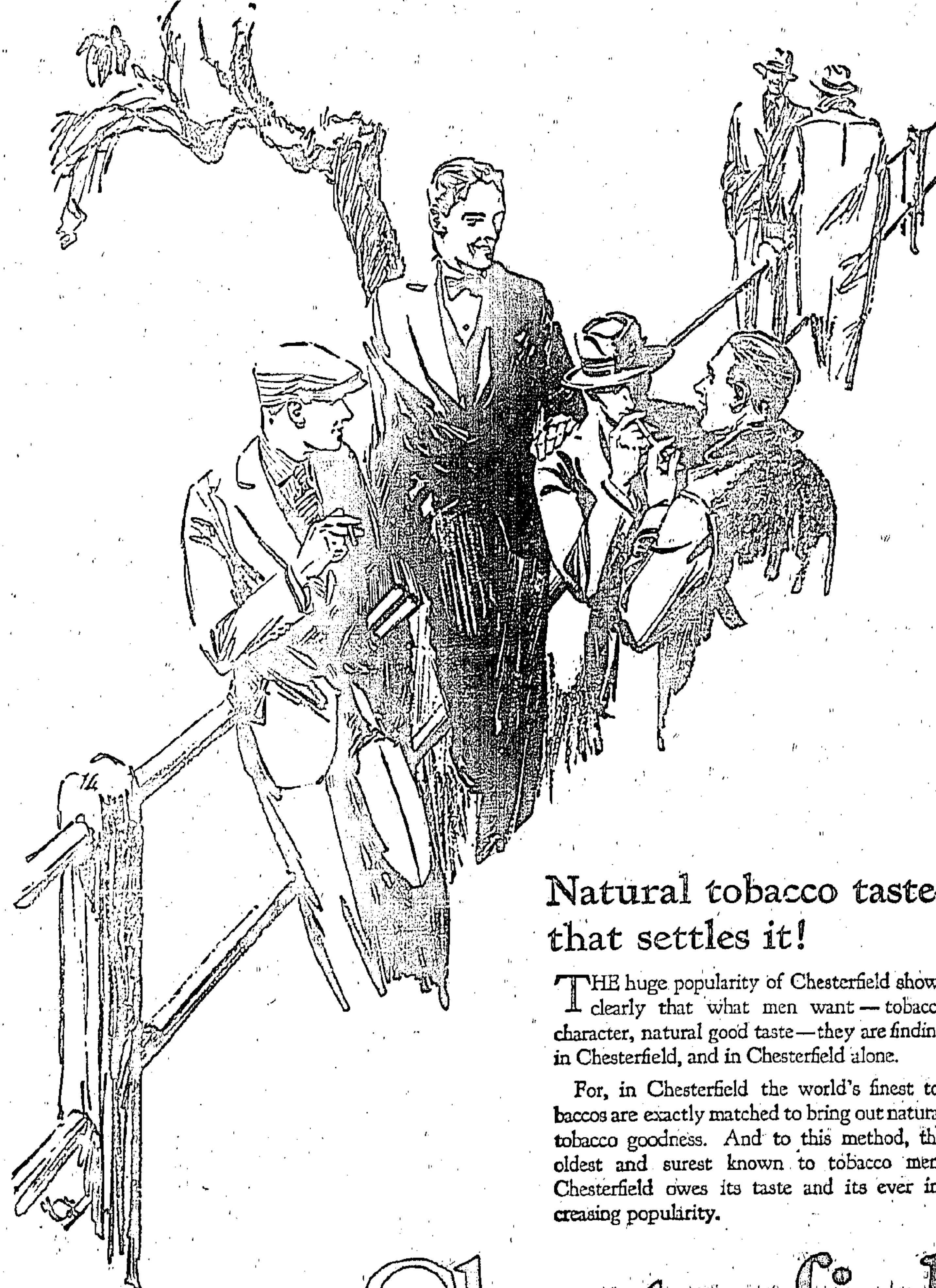
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Inter Class relay race: Class 1. 2. C. Wing Yau.
Ambulance race: 1. Ho Siu-yan, 2. Wu Pak-chuen.
Scouts race: 1. Liu Iu-hong, 2. Tang Yang-sheng.
Marine race Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. C. Santos.
Marine race Senior: 1. C. H. Leon, 2. C. Wing Yau.
420 Yards Handicap, (St. Francis School): 1. M. Fisher, 2. M. Bowen, 3. A. Xavier.
Half Mile Junior: 1. L. Silva, 2. S. Lau.
Half Mile Senior: 1. C. Figueiredo, 2. A. Mills.
120 Yards potato race: 1. A. Carvalho, 2. E. Lim.
Consolation race Junior: 1. Chan Kok-yu, 2. A. Pereira.
Consolation race Senior: 1. A. Silva Netto, 2. P. A. Xavier.

The Prizes.
In addition to a large number of massive challenge cups which have been keenly contested for during past years, another trophy of this nature was seen yesterday. This was a beautiful cup presented by the Portuguese Staff of the Chartered Bank, which has been allotted as an annual challenge cup for the Junior Half-mile Race. To be won outright, this must be won three years in succession.

We are asked to express the thanks of the College authorities to the following for kindly donating either cups or money for this year's meeting:—Messrs. the Wing On Coy, Ltd., Lane, Crawford Ltd., the New Chen Kwong Coy, the B. A. T. (the "Three Castles" Cup), the Commercial Press Ltd., the Bank of East Asia Ltd., Ma Wing Chan, W. Matthias, Woo Hay Tong, C. E. Haynes, B. M. Talati, V. Rupchand, Mok Kom Sang, Ho Iu, U. L. Mohideen, A. Fong, Sheriff Bros., and Dr. W. T. Cheung.

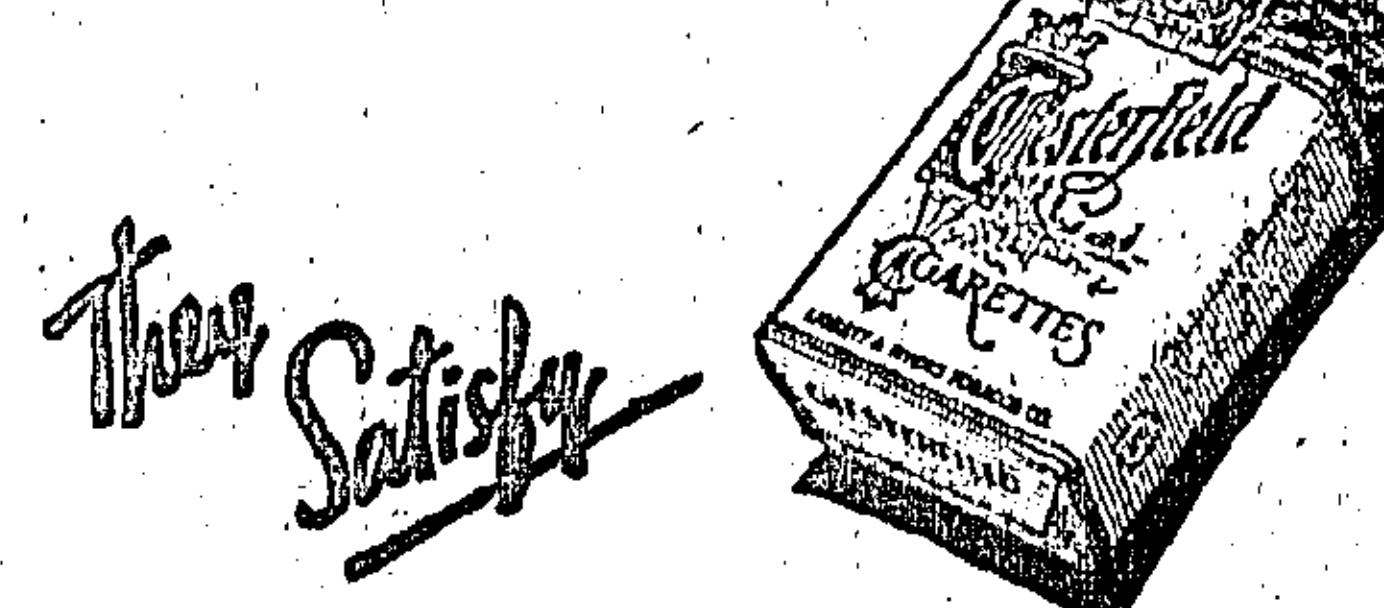
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SPORTS DEBATE.

PROFESSIONALISM AND ITS EFFECTS.

"It is the opinion of this meeting that professionalism does not improve sport" was the motion put forward at the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon last night, when a number of members put forward their views on an undoubtedly interesting question. Mr. A. S. D. Cousland was in the chair.

Proposing the motion Mr. T. J. Price stressed the effect of professionalism on sport generally and said that it had changed sport entirely. One effect of professionalism had been to destroy the friendly rivalry between countries, counties and towns, and he recalled an incident some years ago where a local team with hopes of winning a cup imported a player from another place into their own town team to give them a better chance of winning. That had spread of course and now there was wholesale selling and buying of players in some branches of sport.

Money Against Money.

In many cases it was a question of how much money was available to buy a team which had excellent chances of beating others. To a large extent professionalism had destroyed the spirit of man against man and had resulted in a state where it was a question of money against money.

Mr. Price referred to boxing in the good old days when men battled for thirty rounds and where the winner was rewarded with a few miserable pounds. He compared that state of affairs with the position of to-day, where men fought for millions of dollars.

That could not be put forward as an example of where professionalism had helped sport. He thought that the present wave of professionalism in tennis had not had a good effect on the game but admitted that in golf the professionals were generally instructors who instructed and coached other people in the game with little or no harmful effect.

An Absurd Suggestion.

Dr. F. R. Ashton, opposing the motion recalled the meeting of Surrey and Yorkshire when Hobbs made his first appearance after breaking previous century records. The Yorkshire team and spectators joined in the applause just as enthusiastically as the Surrey men, demonstrating the spirit of sportsmanship imbued in professionals.

At that match no one bothered to think of any money which was involved. They thought only of the great game being played by great players. Dr. Ashton said it was absurd to suggest that because a musician received money for playing, he ceased to be a musician.

Dealing with football he said the standard of the game had undoubtedly been raised by professionalism. Where there were only 5,000 professionals registered in England there were over three quarters of a million amateur players registered besides the thousands who took part in the game without being registered.

Professional football had certainly fostered interest in the game and prompted others to take it up. The professionals had shown everyone how to play and people went to see them exercise their skill because spectators knew a good game when they saw one.

Fostering Gambling.

Seconding for the affirmative Mr. T. V. Harmon said that sport, taken literally meant means of amusement, or entertainment. In its accepted sense it meant an appeal to the best that was in a person. He claimed that professionalism did not appeal to the best that was in man, but rather had a degrading tendency in so far as it attracted interest in gambling. With the assistance of professionalism sport had become a business of gain or loss.

In America it was found that at some of the colleges the coaches received salaries sometimes three times as great as the heads of the colleges. In England there were no coaches in the colleges except for contests such as University boxing, track and field sports and cricket.

The Hockey and Rugby Unions in England had set a fine example by refusing to admit professionals. Mr. Harmon went on to contrast the atmosphere at an English soccer match and at a rugger match. At the latter there was none of the barracking of players and referee which characterized the former. There were almost daily cases of referees being chased off playing fields.

Crowds attracted to game played by professionals were drawn there by an appeal more academic than practical. The majority of spectators could speak authoritatively on the few players and their careers, but few were prepared to take up the game and play it. Therefore professionalism did not tend to encourage others to play games.

A Means of Livelihood.

Supporting the motion Mr. A. C. Howell said the word "sport had" to be taken in its broadest sense, it not being fair to single out one or two branches to base arguments either for or against professionalism on. When a professional took up any game or branch of sport he adopted it as a means of livelihood and it behaved him to perfect himself in all its phases, just as business men tried to learn all they could about the work they had to do day by day.

He was not alluding to those men who worked out the laws of chance by throwing dice (laughter). There were still one or two games which professionals had not entered, but it would be foolish for the opposition to say that the amateurs could even hold their own let alone beat the professionals in the various games.

There were probably two exceptions to that generalization in golf and tennis. Golf was one of the games he had never tackled, having been told that one could never cease to learn something new. He had noticed that golfers started early and finished late.

IN AID OF THE M.C.L.

CHARITY MATCH AT SOOKUNPOO.

A charity match between the Army and a side selected by the H.K.F.A., in aid of the funds of the military branch of the M.C.L., is being played at Sookunpo tomorrow afternoon. The Army will in all probability field the side which defeated the Navy by nine goals to nil a fortnight back and they are expected to win the game to-morrow with comparative ease.

The side selected to oppose the Army is as follows: Clarke (Police); Wynne (Police); Fleming (Club); C. F. Remedios (Recreio); Howard (Club); Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Ath.); Tsao Kuan-sing (Chinese Ath.); Fung King-sheong (South China); Gonsalo (Recreio); Suen Kum-shun (Chinese Ath.); and Brown (Recreio).

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Sunday 24th April

From Hongkong 8.00 a.m. "SUI AN" 4.30 p.m. "SUI TAI" 9.00 p.m. "SUI TAI"

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CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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The Steamer, "CITY OF DUNKIRK" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence Delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 25th April, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer on or before 15th April, 1927 or they on or before 3rd May, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, April 12, 1927.

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The Steamship,

"SCOTLAND MARU,"

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Hongkong, April 12, 1927.

WONGMUN COLLISION.

DAMAGE TO ANJOU AND WING ON.

A report was made yesterday by Captain C. Mutton of s.s. Wing On (Shui Hing S. Co.), that his vessel and the s.s. Anjou were in collision off Wong Mun Customs Station on Wednesday at 8.30 p.m., both ships sustaining minor damages.

It is understood that the wind was north east, force five at the time, while the weather was thick with frequent rain squalls. Both vessels were under examination by the Customs and the Wing On had headway with port helm on and the Anjou sternway with starboard helm on. The stern of the Anjou struck the starboard counter of the Wing On, fracturing the latter vessel's stern and bending the frames. There was a slight leakage, which is now being attended to. Details from the Anjou are not available.

MILITARY BANDS.

PROGRAMME FOR CONCERT ON SUNDAY.

The following is the programme for the massed band concert to be given at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday night. The bands will be those of the 1st Bn. The Camerons and 2nd Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers.

March of the Peers, (Sullivan).

Overture, "Maritana" (Walace).

Selection, "Squire's Song," (Squire).

Suit in F. (Holst).

Humorous Variations, "Three Blind Mice," (Lotto).

Three Dances from Henry VIII, (German).

Selection, "Johannite," (Sullivan).

Grand Military Tattoo, (Roggin).

It seems to me that the impression (without any explanation) from the police was certainly justified, because here was a constable who enquires for a hawker's licence from a man who belongs to a shop.

It would look very suspicious until there is an explanation that

in other cases hawker's licences were required. The defence could not know this, but in view of the explanation given by the prosecution, of course, the position becomes entirely different.

Mr. Lindsell: I accept your explanation.

POLICE OFFICER VINDICATED.

C.S.P.'S PROTEST AGAINST ALLEGATION.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. Lo in defending a Chinese who was charged with hawking without a licence, described a hawker in these words: "A hawker is a person who travels with a horse, or any other beast of burden, selling goods from house to house."

His Worship intimated at the opening of the case that he understood that there were certain allegations against the police constable.

Mr. Lo said his case was that the man arrested was a *fok* of a firm selling camp beds etc., in certain premises and that the constable went there to arrest the man knowing that he was a *fok* of the firm and that therefore no licence was necessary. He knew that defendant was an employee of the shop and that in spite of his knowledge he caused the defendant to be arrested.

After hearing the police evidence, Mr. Lindsell remarked that there was nothing to show that the man was actually hawking. The constable had only seen a man bargaining but did not prove hawking.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (C. S. P.) asked leave to amend the charge to one of obstruction. His Worship agreed.

Special Licences.

In regard to the allegation against the constable it was stated that there were several shops in the same street which sold camp beds and it was shown that these shops had a special \$24 hawker's licence in order to be exhibited outside their goods outside.

The constable who made the arrest denied that he had previously enquired from the shop whether the defendant was one of their *foks* or not. He had seen defendant before and at the time of the arrest somebody from the shop to which defendant belonged blew a police whistle. Defendant shook

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 NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
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CRISIS DEVELOPS AT HANKOW.

(Continued from Page 1.)

"General Hsu is a chief subordinate to General Li Chai-sum, who is the military chief of the two Kwangs, having been granted by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek the title of acting Commander-in-chief of the Army Headquarters in Canton, at the beginning of the Northern Expedition last year.—*Nan Chung Pao*.

ALLEGED "SQUEEZE."

Hongkong Boycott Echo.

Canton, April 21.

The proposal of Mr. Koo Yin-fan, the new Finance Minister, to collect a month's rent from the landlords in the city for paying the balance of the compensation promised by the Government to the Hongkong-Shameen strikers, is meeting with public opposition.

According to a recent investigation by the Government, members of the Hongkong Strike Committee, have been making "squeezes" of the funds allotted by the Government to the Committee. It is understood that the strikers in Canton are fewer than 10,000, but strike leaders had entered in the strikers' registry more than 37,000 names, and the payment by the Government of compensation and medical expenses was according to these figures.—*Nan Chung Pao*.

AMERICAN AVIATORS.

Ninety-Seven for Shanghai.

Manila, April 21.

The naval transport Gold Star has proceeded to Shanghai with ninety-seven marine aviators aboard.—*Reuter*.

THE SOUTHERN SPLIT.

Chiang Kai-shek Tells Why.

Below is a message by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to the General Labour Union of Kwangtung, the Mechanics' Labour Union of Kwangtung, the Revolutionary Workers' Joint Federation of Kwangtung, the Oil Workers' General Union of Kwangtung, the Students' Union of Kwangtung, the Students' Union of Canton and the Women's Movement General Alliance, under date of 11th inst.:—

"I have received your letter and duly noted your letter. You have given me a quite clear account of the root of the troubles in the present situation as well as the evil intrigues of the extremists. The measures to deal with same as proposed by you are also practicable. You have therefore my highest esteem for your enthusiasm towards the party and the nation."

"Out of respect for the wishes of our late Director in admitting the Chinese communist, I have, since the North Expedition been treating them with sincerity without discrimination, hoping that we could work hand in hand to accomplish the National Revolution. Quite unexpectedly, some elements of the Communist Party were of different opinion. They tried to disturb the rear and to discourage our forces when the fighting was at its height before the capture of Shanghai and Nanking."

"Being entrusted by the Party with a great responsibility, I cannot throw my duty over under such vexatious circumstances. All I have to do is to adhere to my original resolution of sacrificing myself for the revolution and to support the Three People's Principles in order to conciliate the spirit of our late Director in heaven. I have again to thank you for your appreciation and trust that you will unite yourselves strenuously to save the party and the nation."—*Canton Gazette*.

THE CANTON UNIONS.

Authorities' Latest Decisions.

A meeting of the Special Committee now in control at Canton was held on Tuesday at the Military Headquarters. Present at the meeting were General Li Chai-sum, Chen Fu-muk, General Tang Yim-wa, and General Li Fuk-lun. The following proposals were passed:

1. In connexion with the appeal submitted by the Revolutionary Workers' Joint Union for the return of things seized from the headquarters of the Tea Shop and Restaurant Union, it was decided that workers arrested during these few days should be tried by the Military Control Committee, and things seized will be returned when the Union has appointed a re-organising committee.

2. Telegraph a report on the measures taken by the authorities here to purge the Kuomintang of extremists; to the Central Executive and Control Joint Committee Conference at Nanking.

3. Issue a notification to prohibit oppression of the peasants by people's militia and rowdies.

4. Labour unions may not be dissolved without the order of the Special Committee.

RADIO TRAFFIC.OVER 45,000 MESSAGES
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A remarkable increase in local traffic is shown by interesting figures contained in the Chamber of Commerce Report, it being mentioned in special reference to the Press that the reception of "Rugby Press" had resulted in approximately a quarter of a million words of news being received from England direct.

It is hoped still further to improve the service in the present year, the report adds.

Radio telegrams exchanged with ships numbered 11,532, containing in all 125,473 words, this being an increase of 2,069 messages and 15,026 words over the previous year. The total number of inter-port traffic messages handled was 10,029, representing 101,665 words, and the total paid traffic messages numbered 26,706, representing 316,664 words.

The unpaid traffic total amounted to 11,722 messages of 506,338 words, which included 364 Rugby Press messages, representing 229,211 words, and 10,389 meteorological messages representing 241,345 words. A total of 795 messages (14,155 words) were exchanged with Pratas Observatory Station Service messages numbered 6,867 containing 115,770 words.

The grand total of all messages handled amounted to 45,296 representing nearly a million words.

UNLICENSED ARMS.

OWNED BY CHINESE IN SINGAPORE.

In the District Court at Singapore on April 14, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of a five-chambered revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Acting on information received at the detective station, Inspector H. Poulin sent out a sub-inspector to purchase a revolver. The man went to a coffee shop where he met the accused.

The sub-inspector spoke about the purchase of the revolver, but the accused said it was too risky to discuss it there. So the two went to another house, where the accused agreed to sell his revolver and ammunition for \$100. The sub-inspector then sent word to the inspector who came and arrested the man.

Chief Court Inspector Meredith, who prosecuted, said that he wanted his worship to take a serious view of the matter as there were a great many revolvers among the lower class Chinese in Singapore. Even the previous night there was another shooting affair among Chinese, two being killed and severely injured.

His Worship sentenced the man to fines amounting to \$600, or seven months' rigorous imprisonment.

PLANES AND TROOPS.

IMPERIAL CO-OPERATION IN AFRICA.

London, April 21.

Four aeroplanes under the command of Commodore Samson have arrived at Capetown, having completed a flight from Cairo without a hitch.

The machines are of an entirely new type not yet generally introduced in the Air Force, and are fitted with Napier Lion engines. Commodore Samson states that they behaved splendidly every inch of the way. The only mishap was a punctured tyre at Abdera. The machines flew over the Hex River, and mounted at a height of eleven thousand feet.

At Kisumu, in Kenya, they were joined by four machines of the South African Air Force, with which they carried out numerous combined exercises in co-operation with ground troops.

Considerable importance is attached to these combined exercises, which form part of the Air Ministry policy, and demonstrate the ability of aeroplanes to maintain strategic lines of Empire communications.—*British Wireless*.

5. The three railways, Canton-Hankow, Canton-Shamshui, and Canton-Kowloon, will henceforth be under the control of the Reconstruction Department.

6. To add two members, Foo Sze-lin, and Ho Sze-yuan, to the Propaganda Committee, two members Au-yang Hui, and Hsieh Kin-ting to the Military Control Committee, and two members Wong Kwong-yuan and Hsieh Shing-tung to the People's Movement Committee.

7. Issue a notification to prohibit oppression of the peasants by people's militia and rowdies.

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Mercantile C., \$134 n.

P. and O., \$24 n.

East Asia, \$68 b.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$660 n.

China Underwriters, \$80 n.

North China, Tls. 143 b.

Union Ins., \$98 n.

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Douglas, \$31 n.

Steamboats, \$21 b.

Tugs, \$1.10 n.

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Shell Trans., 95/- n.

Star Ferries, \$53 sa

Waterboats, \$144 b.

Refineries

China Refineries, \$174 b.

Canton Refineries, \$5 n.

Commodities, \$174 b.

Malabons, \$31 n.

Mining

Benguots, \$1.70 b.